

By Senator Justice

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to firefighters; providing for the  
3           creation of an official state Firefighter Memorial  
4           Flag; providing for the use of the flag; providing for  
5           the Division of State Fire Marshal of the Department  
6           of Financial Services to provide for the creation and  
7           distribution of the flag; providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11           Section 1. The Division of State Fire Marshal of the  
12 Department of Financial Services shall design, produce, and  
13 implement the creation and distribution of an official state  
14 Firefighter Memorial Flag to honor firefighters who have died in  
15 the line of duty.

16           (1) The flag may be displayed at memorial or funeral  
17 services of firefighters who have died in the line of duty, at  
18 firefighter memorials, at fire stations, at the Fallen  
19 Firefighter Memorial located at the Florida State Fire College  
20 in Ocala, by the families of fallen firefighters, and at any  
21 other location designated by the State Fire Marshal.

22           (2) The flag shall have a blue background, with a black  
23 horizontal stripe across the middle of the flag and a horizontal  
24 purple stripe above and below the black stripe. It shall also  
25 contain a red Maltese Cross or Cross of St. Florians in the  
26 center of the flag surrounding the Great Seal of the State of  
27 Florida, and the phrase "Florida Fallen Firefighters" in gold  
28 capital letters shall be placed at the top of the flag and the  
29 phrase "Memorial Flag" shall be placed at the bottom of the

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30 flag. Each arm of the cross shall contain one of the words  
31 "Courage," "Honor," "Sacrifice," and "Valor."

32 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.