

By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Ring

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to flag etiquette; creating s.
3 256.015, F.S.; requiring that the Governor adopt a
4 protocol on flag display; requiring the protocol to
5 have guidelines for proper flag display and for
6 lowering the state flag to half-staff on certain
7 occasions; authorizing the Governor to adopt, repeal,
8 or modify any rule or custom as the Governor deems
9 appropriate which pertains to the display of the state
10 flag; providing an effective date.

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12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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14 Section 1. Section 256.015, Florida Statutes, is created to
15 read:

16 256.015 Display of flag.—

17 (1) The Governor shall adopt a protocol on flag display.
18 The protocol must provide guidelines for the proper display of
19 the state flag and for the lowering of the state flag to half-
20 staff on appropriate occasions, such as on holidays and upon the
21 death of high-ranking state officials, uniformed law enforcement
22 and fire service personnel, and prominent citizens.

23 (2) The Governor may adopt, repeal, or modify any rule or
24 custom as the Governor deems appropriate which pertains to the
25 display of the state flag.

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.