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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, 2013.