

By Senator Legg

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Honor and Remember flag;  
3           creating s. 256.16, F.S.; designating the Honor and  
4           Remember flag as an emblem of the state; authorizing  
5           the flag to be displayed at specified locations, on  
6           specified days, and in a specified manner; authorizing  
7           local governments to display the flag; authorizing  
8           each department, agency, or local government  
9           displaying the flag to establish certain regulations;  
10          authorizing the Department of Management Services to  
11          procure and distribute such flags; providing an  
12          effective date.

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

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16          Section 1. Section 256.16, Florida Statutes, is created to  
17          read:

18          256.16 Honor and Remember flag.—

19          (1) The Honor and Remember flag, created by Honor and  
20          Remember, Inc., is designated as the state's emblem of the  
21          service and sacrifice of the brave men and women of the United  
22          States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of  
23          duty.

24          (2) The flag may be displayed:

25          (a) At the following locations:

26          1. Each state-owned building at which the United States  
27          flag is displayed.

28          2. All state-owned military memorials.

29          3. Any other state-owned location deemed appropriate.

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30 (b) On the following days:

31 1. Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May.

32 2. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

33 3. Flag Day, June 14.

34 4. Independence Day, July 4.

35 5. National POW-MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in  
36 September.

37 6. Veterans Day, November 11.

38 7. Gold Star Mother's Day, the last Sunday in September.

39 (c) In a manner designed to ensure visibility to the  
40 public.

41 (3) A local government may choose to display the flag in  
42 accordance with paragraphs (2) (b) and (c) at any local  
43 government building at which the United States flag is displayed  
44 and at any other local government location it deems appropriate.

45 (4) By July 1, 2016, each department, agency, or other  
46 establishment responsible for a location specified in paragraph  
47 (2) (a), or a local government pursuant to subsection (3), may  
48 prescribe such regulations as necessary to carry out this  
49 section. Such regulations may not require an employee to report  
50 to work solely to provide for display of the flag.

51 (5) By July 31, 2016, the Department of Management Services  
52 may begin procurement and distribution of the flag as necessary  
53 to comply with this section.

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2016.