

By Senator Lee

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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 that the flag be displayed at specified locations, on
6 specified days, and in a specified manner; requiring
7 displayed flags to be manufactured in the United
8 States; authorizing local governments to display the
9 flag; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 256.16, Florida Statutes, is created to
14 read:

15 256.16 Honor and Remember flag.-

16 (1) The Honor and Remember flag is designated as the
17 state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of the brave men and
18 women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their
19 lives in the line of duty.

20 (2) The flag may be displayed:

21 (a) At the following locations:

22 1. Each state-owned building at which the United States
23 flag is displayed.

24 2. All state-owned military memorials.

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

26 (b) On the following days:

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

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

29 3. Flag Day, June 14.

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30 4. Independence Day, July 4.

31 5. National POW-MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in
32 September.

33 6. Veterans' Day, November 11.

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

35 8. A day on which a member of the United States Armed
36 Forces who is a resident of the state loses his or her life in
37 the line of duty.

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

40 (d) With no more than two additional flags when displayed
41 together on a flagpole.

42 (3) A flag displayed pursuant to this section must be
43 manufactured in the United States.

44 (4) A local government may choose to display the flag in
45 accordance with paragraphs (2) (b), (c), and (d) at any local
46 government building at which the United States flag is displayed
47 and at any other local government location it deems appropriate.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2018.