

SENATE BILL 36

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By: **Senator Mathias**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Display of the POW/MIA Flag on State Building Grounds**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of General Services and the Secretary of
4 Transportation to cause the POW/MIA flag to be flown on the grounds of certain
5 buildings whenever the flag of the United States is flown; requiring that the
6 POW/MIA flag be flown from the State House as provided in a certain provision
7 of law; making conforming changes; defining a certain term; and generally
8 relating to the display of the POW/MIA flag on the grounds of State buildings.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – State Finance and Procurement
11 Section 4–210
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article – State Government
16 Section 13–204 and 13–205
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

22 **4–210.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(ii)] **(2)** the flag designated by the United States Congress as
2 the official symbol to honor and remember members of the armed forces who died in
3 the line of duty.

4 [(3) “POW/MIA flag” means the POW/MIA flag of the National League
5 of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.]

6 (b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, each year, [the
7 POW/MIA flag and] a flag to honor and remember members of the armed forces who
8 died in the line of duty shall be flown on the State House grounds on:

9 (i) the third Saturday in May, for Armed Forces Day;

10 (ii) May 30, for Memorial Day;

11 (iii) the day that the United States Congress designates for the
12 observance of Memorial Day if other than May 30;

13 (iv) the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to May 30, unless
14 the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of Memorial
15 Day, in which case, the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to the day designated by
16 the United States Congress;

17 (v) July 4, for Independence Day;

18 (vi) [the third Friday in September, for POW/MIA Recognition
19 Day;

20 (vii)] November 11, for Veterans’ Day;

21 [(viii)] **(VII)** the day that the United States Congress designates
22 for the observance of Veterans’ Day if other than November 11; and

23 [(ix)] **(VIII)** the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to
24 November 11, unless the United States Congress designates another day for the
25 observance of Veterans’ Day, in which case, the Saturday and Sunday that are closest
26 to the day designated by the United States Congress.

27 (2) If the United States Congress designates a flag as the official
28 symbol to honor and remember members of the armed forces who died in the line of
29 duty, the flag designated by Congress shall be flown in accordance with paragraph (1)
30 of this subsection.

31 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 2014.