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By: **Delegate Conroy**
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Assigned to: Commerce and Government Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **POW/MIA Flag - Rest Areas, Welcome Centers, and Exhibit Centers**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain POW/MIA flag be flown year round at
4 certain rest areas, welcome centers, and exhibit centers; defining a certain term;
5 and generally relating to the POW/MIA flag and rest areas, welcome centers,
6 and exhibit centers.

7 BY adding to
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 8-651
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (1993 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

12 **Preamble**

13 WHEREAS, History has been shaped by the brave men and women in the
14 United States Armed Forces who answered the call to America's highest duty; and

15 WHEREAS, While we honor our veterans for their strength, service, and
16 sacrifice, it is equally important to remember those who are missing in action and
17 remain unaccounted for; and

18 WHEREAS, There are still thousands of American military personnel whose
19 whereabouts are unknown; and

20 WHEREAS, Families of these courageous patriots deserve to know that this
21 State has not forgotten their outstanding contributions; and

22 WHEREAS, Each year people in this State and across the country join together
23 in remembrance of these missing individuals and to reaffirm our commitment to
24 account for all our POW's and MIA's; now, therefore,

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

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Article - Transportation

2 8-651.

3 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "POW/MIA FLAG" MEANS THE POW/MIA FLAG OF THE
4 NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN
5 SOUTHEAST ASIA.

6 (B) THE POW/MIA FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN YEAR ROUND AT EACH REST AREA,
7 WELCOME CENTER, AND EXHIBIT CENTER WITHIN INTERSTATE AND STATE
8 HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 2001.