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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

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

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

8 **Article - Transportation**

9 8-651.

10 ~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "POW/MIA FLAG" MEANS THE POW/MIA FLAG OF THE~~
11 ~~NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN~~
12 ~~SOUTHEAST ASIA.~~

13 ~~(B) THE POW/MIA FLAG FOLLOWING FLAGS SHALL BE FLOWN YEAR ROUND AT~~
14 ~~EACH REST AREA, WELCOME CENTER, AND EXHIBIT CENTER WITHIN INTERSTATE~~
15 ~~AND STATE HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY;~~

16 (1) THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES;

17 (2) THE STATE FLAG; AND

18 (3) THE POW/MIA FLAG OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES OF
19 AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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