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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **POW/MIA Flag Display ~~from~~ on State House Grounds**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain POW/MIA flag to be flown ~~from~~ on the State
4 House grounds on certain days each year; defining a certain term; requiring the
5 State House Trust to determine the site on the State House grounds where the
6 POW/MIA flag will be flown; and generally relating to the display of the
7 POW/MIA flag ~~from~~ on the State House grounds.

8 BY adding to
9 Article - State Government
10 Section 13-205
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - State Government**

16 13-205.

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

1 (B) EACH YEAR, THE POW/MIA FLAG SHALL BE FLOWN ~~FROM~~ ON THE STATE
2 HOUSE GROUNDS ON:

3 (1) MAY 30, FOR MEMORIAL DAY;

4 (2) THE DAY THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS DESIGNATES FOR
5 THE OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY IF OTHER THAN MAY 30;

6 (3) THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THAT ARE CLOSEST TO MAY 30,
7 UNLESS THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS DESIGNATES ANOTHER DAY FOR THE
8 OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY, IN WHICH CASE, THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
9 THAT ARE CLOSEST TO THE DAY DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS;

10 (4) THE THIRD FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER, FOR POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY;

11 (5) NOVEMBER 11, FOR VETERANS' DAY;

12 (6) THE DAY THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS DESIGNATES FOR
13 THE OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY IF OTHER THAN NOVEMBER 11; AND

14 (7) THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THAT ARE CLOSEST TO NOVEMBER 11,
15 UNLESS THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS DESIGNATES ANOTHER DAY FOR THE
16 OBSERVANCE OF VETERANS' DAY, IN WHICH CASE THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY THAT
17 ARE CLOSEST TO THE DAY DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State House Trust
19 shall determine the site on the State House grounds where the POW/MIA flag will be
20 flown as required by § 13-205 of the State Government Article, as enacted by Section
21 1 of this Act.

22 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
23 effect October 1, 2005.