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Senate Bill 823

(Senator Stone, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

Public Safety - Deceased Military Member - State Flag Presented to Family

This bill requires the Secretary of State to issue a State flag to the family of a member of the military who is killed in the performance of duty. The bill requires the flag to be presented to the family by the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill's requirements could be handled with existing resources. Each flag costs \$15. The bill codifies existing practice of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Secretary of State is required to issue a State flag to the family of a firefighter, policeman, or sworn member of the Office of the State Fire Marshal killed in the line of duty. The flag must be presented to the family by the State Senator of the legislative district in which the deceased resided or served.

Background: According to the Department of Veterans, 29 Maryland citizens have been killed in action in the last three years as members of the military. This includes 25 in Iraq, 3 in Kuwait, and 1 in Afghanistan.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1226 (Delegate Minnick, *et al.*) – Health and Government Operations.

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