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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Flag Display on State House Grounds – Honor and Remember and POW/MIA**  
3 **Flags**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the Honor and Remember flag be flown on the State  
5 House grounds on certain days each year; altering the days on which the  
6 POW/MIA flag is to be flown on State House grounds; requiring the State House  
7 Trust to determine the site on the State House grounds where the Honor and  
8 Remember flag will be flown; defining a certain term; and generally relating to  
9 the display of the Honor and Remember and POW/MIA flags on the State House  
10 grounds.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – State Government  
13 Section 13–205  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – State Government**

19 13–205.

20 (a) **(1)** In this section[,] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
21 **INDICATED.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2)** “POW/MIA flag” means the POW/MIA flag of the National League  
2 of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

3           **(3)** “**HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG**” MEANS THE **HONOR AND**  
4 **REMEMBER FLAG CREATED BY HONOR AND REMEMBER, INC., AND**  
5 **DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AS THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL TO**  
6 **RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIED IN THE**  
7 **LINE OF DUTY.**

8           (b) Each year, the POW/MIA flag **AND THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG**  
9 shall be flown on the State House grounds on:

10           **(1) THE THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY, FOR ARMED FORCES DAY;**

11           **(2)** May 30, for Memorial Day;

12           **[(2)] (3)** the day that the United States Congress designates for the  
13 observance of Memorial Day if other than May 30;

14           **[(3)] (4)** the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to May 30, unless  
15 the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of Memorial  
16 Day, in which case, the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to the day designated by  
17 the United States Congress;

18           **(5) JULY 4, FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY;**

19           **[(4)] (6)** the third Friday in September, for POW/MIA Recognition  
20 Day;

21           **[(5)] (7)** November 11, for Veterans’ Day;

22           **[(6)] (8)** the day that the United States Congress designates for the  
23 observance of Veterans’ Day if other than November 11; and

24           **[(7)] (9)** the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to November 11,  
25 unless the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of  
26 Veterans’ Day, in which case, the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to the day  
27 designated by the United States Congress.

28           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State House Trust  
29 shall determine the site on the State House grounds where the Honor and Remember  
30 flag will be flown as required by § 13–205 of the State Government Article, as enacted  
31 by Section 1 of this Act.

1           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2    July 1, 2011.