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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. Section 5-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3           "~~§~~5-19~~§~~ Description of the Hawaiian flag. The  
4 official description of the Hawaiian flag as authorized to  
5 represent the State of Hawaii on land and sea, and authorized  
6 for executive state agencies, second to the stars and stripes of  
7 the United States shall be:

8           (1) The Hawaiian flag shall consist of eight horizontal  
9 stripes, alternately white, red, blue, ~~[etc.]~~  
10 beginning at the top, having a jack cantoned in the  
11 dexter chief angle next to the point of suspension;

12           (2) The jack shall consist of a blue field charged with a  
13 compound saltire (crossing) of alternate tincture  
14 white and red, the white having precedence; a narrow  
15 edge of white borders each red side of the saltire;

16           (3) A red cross bordered with white is charged (placed)  
17 over all;



- 1           (4) The proportion shall be as follows:
- 2           (A) The fly (length) is twice the hoist (width);
- 3           (B) The jack is half the hoist (width) in breadth and
- 4                 7-16 the fly in length;
- 5           (C) The arms of the red cross with border shall be
- 6                 equal in width to one of the horizontal stripes;
- 7                 the white border shall be one-third the width of
- 8                 the red cross;
- 9           (D) The arms of the compound saltire (crossing) are
- 10                equal in width to the red cross, the tinctures
- 11                white, red, and the border being in the
- 12                proportion of 3, 2, 1, respectively.

13           When the Hawaiian flag is flown from the same halyard as

14 the flag of the United States of America is flown, it shall be

15 underneath the national colors.

16           The Hawaiian flag shall not be used to cover a platform or

17 speaker's desk, nor to drape over the front of a speaker's

18 platform.

19           When the Hawaiian flag and the flag of the United States of

20 America are displayed on a speaker's platform at the same time,

21 the Hawaiian flag shall be on the left side of the speaker, the



1 speaker's left, while the flag of the United States of America  
2 is on the right side of the speaker, the speaker's right.

3 When the Hawaiian flag is used to cover a casket, it shall  
4 be [sø] placed so that the jack is at the head and over the left  
5 shoulder. The flag shall not be lowered into the grave or  
6 allowed to touch the ground.

7 To fold the Hawaiian flag ceremoniously, first fold it  
8 lengthwise, bringing the striped half up over the jack. Then  
9 repeat, with the jack on the outside. Beginning at the lower  
10 right, make a series of triangular folds until the flag  
11 resembles a cocked hat with only the jack visible.

12 The Hawaiian flag shall be flown at half-mast by first  
13 raising it to the top of the flagpole, and then slowly lowering  
14 it to a position one-fourth of the distance down the flagpole,  
15 and there leaving it during the time it is to be displayed. In  
16 taking the flag down, it shall first be raised to the top of the  
17 flagpole, and then slowly lowered with appropriate ceremony.

18 When the Hawaiian flag is in such condition of repair that  
19 it is no longer a suitable emblem for displaying, it shall be  
20 totally destroyed, preferably by burning, and that privately; or  
21 this shall be done by some other method in keeping with the



1 spirit of respect and reverence that all owe the emblem that  
2 represents the Aloha State of Hawaii."

3 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**  
State of Hawaii

**Description:**  
Makes technical amendment to state flag law.

