
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FLAGS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Since the American Revolution, more than five
2 hundred thousand Americans have been captured and interned as
3 prisoners of war. The largest number of prisoners held captive
4 occurred during the Civil War when an estimated two hundred
5 twenty thousand confederate soldiers were captured by the North
6 and nearly one hundred twenty-seven thousand union soldiers were
7 interned by the South.

8 Since World War I, over one hundred forty-two thousand
9 Americans, including eighty-five women, have been captured and
10 interned as prisoners of war. Not included in this figure are
11 nearly ninety-three thousand Americans who are classified as
12 missing in action.

13 As our country seeks out Al Qaeda terrorists in the Middle
14 East, it is important to recognize and honor the extraordinary
15 heroism of the brave men and women who risked or sacrificed
16 their lives or their freedom in the past, as well those who
17 place their lives in harm's way on a daily basis in Afghanistan
18 and Iraq.



1 The purpose of this Act is to allow the National League of
2 Families' POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in action) flag to be
3 flown with the United States and Hawaiian flags at the state
4 capitol and on the grounds of the headquarters of the state
5 department of defense on specified days to honor American
6 prisoners of war and military personnel who are missing in
7 action.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
9 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
10 read as follows:

11 "§5- POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in action) flag;
12 recognition; use. (a) The State recognizes the National League
13 of Families' POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in action) flag
14 that was recognized by the United States Congress through P. L.
15 101-355 on August 10, 1990.

16 (b) The National League of Families' POW/MIA (prisoner of
17 war/missing in action) flag shall be flown on the grounds of the
18 state capitol and on the grounds of the headquarters of the
19 state department of defense on the following days:

20 (1) Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May;

21 (2) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

22 (3) Flag Day, June 14;



1 (4) Independence Day, July 4;
2 (5) National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the third Friday in
3 September; and
4 (6) Veterans Day, November 11,
5 and may be flown on the grounds of the state capitol and on the
6 grounds of the headquarters of the state department of defense
7 on other days; provided that if the Hawaiian flag is flown on
8 the same halyard as the flag of the United States of America at
9 those locations, then the POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in
10 action) flag may be flown under the flag of the State of Hawaii,
11 and if the Hawaiian flag is flown on a separate halyard as the
12 flag of the United States of America at those locations, then
13 the POW/MIA (prisoner of war/missing in action) flag may be
14 flown under the flag of the United States of America."

15 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Flag

Description:

Recognizes and requires the prisoner of war/missing in action flag to be flown with the U.S. and Hawaiian flags on specified days and allows the flag to be flown on other days. (SD2)

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