

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0139

Remembrance of Wyoming veterans-POW/MIA flags.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Walsh, Edwards, Harshman,
Illoway, Jansen, Powers and Tipton and
Senator(s) Larson, Northrup, Peck and
Roberts

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to flags; authorizing the continued use of
2 the POW/MIA flag at the state capitol; providing for the
3 display of the POW/MIA flag at other state government
4 offices and buildings; allowing the use of the flag for
5 other government buildings and offices; specifying
6 legislative intent; and providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 8-3-118 is created to read:

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12 **8-3-118. POW/MIA flags.**

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14 (a) The National League of Families POW/MIA flag,
15 recognized by the United States Congress in P.L. 101-355

1 and other federal laws, is authorized and shall continue to
2 be displayed directly beneath the national flag on state
3 capitol grounds. All other state leased or owned buildings
4 and offices that fly the national flag may also fly the
5 POW/MIA flag directly beneath the national flag on any day
6 upon which the national flag is displayed. Any state
7 agency, board or commission having authority for the
8 supervision, control or management of a state leased or
9 owned building or office is authorized to adopt rules
10 relating to the display of the POW/MIA flag at the state
11 leased or owned building or office pursuant to this
12 section.

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14 (b) Any county, city, town or political subdivision
15 of the state may display the POW/MIA flag directly beneath
16 the national flag on any day upon which the national flag
17 is displayed.

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19 (c) All protocols used in displaying national flags
20 shall be used in displaying the POW/MIA flag. All
21 penalties provided by the laws of this state for the misuse
22 of the national flag are applicable to the POW/MIA flag.

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1 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to
2 require the acquisition, erection and maintenance of a
3 flagpole or the display of the POW/MIA flag where a pole or
4 display of the national flag does not already exist.

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6 **Section 2.** The intent of this act is to remember all
7 Wyomingites who have been or who may be listed as prisoners
8 of war or missing in action as well as to express the
9 state's concern and commitment to these individuals and
10 their families. The display of the POW/MIA flag shall
11 serve as a daily reminder of the state's concern and
12 commitment to help resolve the fates of these persons.

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14 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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