

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 861

House of Representatives, February 25, 1971

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BERTHA W. JOHNSON, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Rocheleau of Auburn.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SEVENTY-ONE

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**AN ACT Amending the Uniform Flag Law.**

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., T. 1, § 252-A, additional.** Title 1 of the Revised Statutes is amended by adding a new section 252-A to read as follows:

**§ 252-A. Display**

The United States flag shall be flown at half mast only at such times as specified by the President of the United States or the Adjutant General of the State of Maine.

The United States flag may be flown at night in good weather at a memorial site or when it is desired to produce a patriotic effect, providing it is properly illuminated and prior approval has been obtained from the Adjutant General of the State of Maine.

Flying the United States flag in any manner in violation of the Federal United States Flag Code or in violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor and punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.

**Sec. 2. R. S., T. 1, § 254, amended.** The first paragraph of section 254 of Title 1 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

No person shall, publicly or privately, mutilate, deface, defile, defy, trample upon, or by word or act cast contempt upon any such flag, standard, color, ensign or shield.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify and incorporate into Maine law proper methods of display of the United States flag.