

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 653

H. P. 500

House of Representatives, February 6, 1973

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Henley of Norway.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Amending the Uniform Flag Law.

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.

Any United States flag being displayed shall be in good condition at all times, not tattered, not torn or not discolored.

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 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.

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.