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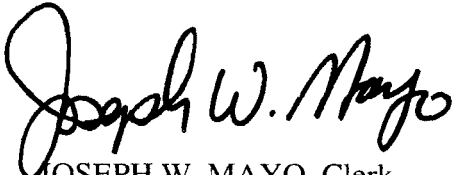
H.P. 552

House of Representatives, January 28, 1999

**An Act to Require the Missing-in-Action Flag to Be Flown on
State-owned Flag Poles.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative TRUE of Fryeburg.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CIANCHETTE of South Portland, COLLINS of Wells,
DUNLAP of Old Town, PERKINS of Penobscot, SHOREY of Calais.

2 **Emergency preamble.** Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not
become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted
as emergencies; and

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6 **Whereas,** this legislation requiring that a missing-in-action
flag be flown from state-owned flag poles is being offered as a
reminder of those individuals who are designated as missing in
8 action; and

10 **Whereas,** the American Legion has offered to oversee the
acquisition and distribution of the missing-in-action flags; and

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14 **Whereas,** it would be a fitting tribute to those designated
as missing in action to have the flags distributed before
Memorial Day; and

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18 **Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts
create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of
Maine and require the following legislation as immediately
20 necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and
safety; now, therefore,

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

24 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §206-A is enacted to read:**

26 **§206-A. Missing-in-action flag**

28 The Governor shall require that the missing-in-action flag
30 be flown from each state-owned flag pole where the state flag is
32 flown until the time that all those individuals designated as
missing in action are released or accounted for.

34 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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38 **SUMMARY**

40 This bill requires that the missing-in-action flag be flown
from each flag pole where the state flag is flown.