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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 119TH LEGISLATURE FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1287, L.D. 1848, Bill, "An Act to Require the Display of the Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Flag"

Amend the bill in section 2 by striking out all of that part designated "§206-A." (page 1, lines 16 to 29 in L.D.) and inserting in its place the following:

'§206-A. Prisoner of war - missing in action flag

1. Required. The prisoner of war - missing in action flag must be flown in the following places until all those individuals designated as prisoners of war or missing in action are released or accounted for:

- A. Above the State House; and B. At each National Guard facility.

2. Optional. A municipality may display the prisoner of war - missing in action flag on a flag pole located at the main office building of the municipality whenever the flag of the United States is flown.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management will incur some minor additional costs to purchase and display the prisoner of war - missing in action flag at National Guard

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2 facilities. These costs can be absorbed by the Department of
Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management utilizing existing
4 budgeted resources.

6 The Legislature will incur some minor additional costs to
purchase the prisoner of war - missing in action flag and to fly
that flag above the State House. These costs can be absorbed
8 within the Legislature's existing budgeted resources.

10 The additional costs associated with issuing a proclamation
can be absorbed by the Office of the Governor utilizing existing
12 budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment deletes a requirement in the bill that the
prisoner of war - missing in action flag be flown on all
municipal flag poles and at Armed Forces reserve facilities. It
also adds language that makes the display of the prisoner of war
- missing in action flag at municipal offices optional. It adds
a fiscal note to the bill.

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