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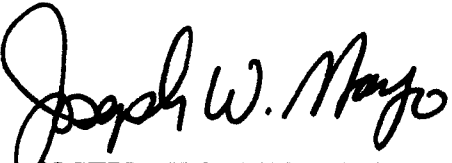
No. 1848

H.P. 1287

House of Representatives, March 16, 1999

**An Act to Require the Display of the Prisoner of War - Missing in Action
Flag.**

Reference to the Committee on Legal and Veterans Affairs suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative CHIZMAR of Lisbon.
Cosponsored by Senator BERUBE of Androscoggin and
Representatives: BOLDUC of Auburn, COTE of Lewiston, HEIDRICH of Oxford,
MAILHOT of Lewiston, O'BRIEN of Augusta, TUTTLE of Sanford, WILLIAMS of Orono.

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

4 Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §135 is enacted to read:

6 **§135. Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Recognition Day**

8 The Governor annually shall issue a proclamation designating
10 the 3rd Friday in September as Prisoner of War - Missing in
12 Action Recognition Day in remembrance of the courage and plight
of American prisoners of war and those missing in action. The
proclamation must recommend that the day be observed in an
appropriate manner.

14 Sec. 2. 1 MRSA §206-A is enacted to read:

16 **§206-A. Prisoner of war - missing in action flag**

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

24 1. State House. Above the State House;

26 2. Municipal flag pole. On a municipal flag pole whenever
the flag of the United States is flown; and

28 3. Reserve and National Guard facilities. At each reserve
30 and National Guard facility.

32 **SUMMARY**

34 This bill requires the prisoner of war - missing in action
36 flag to be flown above the State House, on a municipal flag pole
38 whenever the flag of the United States is flown and at each
40 reserve and National Guard facility. It also designates the 3rd
Friday in September as Prisoner of War - Missing in Action
Recognition Day.