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**LEGAL AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
122ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1340, L.D. 1899, Bill, "An Act To Allow the Display of POW-MIA Flags at Courthouses"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

**'An Act To Require the Display of POW-MIA Flags at Courthouses'**

Further amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in its place the following:

**'Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §206-A, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 302, §2, is amended to read:**

**§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; and

C. At each courthouse owned by the State on Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day as designated by section 131 and the following national holidays:

(1) Armed Forces Day, the 3rd Saturday in May;

(2) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

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(3) Flag Day, June 14th;

(4) Independence Day, July 4th;

(5) National POW/MIA Recognition Day, the 3rd Friday in September; and

(6) Veterans Day, November 11th.

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. A courthouse owned by the State may display the prisoner of war - missing in action flag on any day in addition to those required by subsection 1.

**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Courts - Supreme, Superior, District & Administrative 0063**

Initiative: Appropriates funds on a one-time basis for the purchase of 8 flags and to upgrade flagpoles at an estimated 6 courthouse locations.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>2006-07</b>
All Other	\$0	\$18,320
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$18,320'</u>

**SUMMARY**

This amendment replaces the bill. It requires courthouses owned by the State to display the prisoner of war - missing in action flag on Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day and 6 national holidays. It also provides that a courthouse owned by the State may display the flag on any other day in addition to those required. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)



# 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1899

LR 2878(02)

An Act To Allow the Display of POW-MIA Flags at Courthouses

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A"

Committee: Legal and Veterans Affairs

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

## Fiscal Note

	2005-06	2006-07	Projections 2007-08	Projections 2008-09
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$18,320	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$18,320	\$0	\$0

### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a one-time General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Department in the amount of \$18,320 in fiscal year 2006-07 to purchase eight flags and upgrade flag poles at an estimated six court locations.