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L.D. 1640
(Filing No. H-705)

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
125TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1230, L.D. 1640, Bill, "An Act To Promote POW/MIA Recognition Day"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §136 in the first paragraph in the 4th to 6th lines (page 1, lines 7 to 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and must specify that the United States flag and the State of Maine flag be flown at half staff on that day." and inserting the following: 'The State of Maine flag must be flown at half staff when the Governor considers it appropriate.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §136 in the first paragraph in the 6th line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "shall" and inserting the following: 'may'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §136 in the first paragraph in the 7th line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "at least 48 hours in advance of the day"

SUMMARY

This amendment alters the bill to allow the Governor to issue a proclamation through a media outlet in advance of Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Recognition Day. It removes the language that would have required the United States flag to be flown at half staff because the President determines when the flag should be flown at half staff. It also clarifies that the State of Maine flag must be flown at half staff if the Governor considers it appropriate. Flag protocol determines that it would be inappropriate for the State of Maine flag to be at half staff if the President has raised the Prisoner of War - Missing in Action flag.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1640

LR 2331(02)

An Act To Promote POW/MIA Recognition Day

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-705)

Committee: State and Local Government

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Departments of Education and Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management associated with making appropriate information related to Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Recognition Day available can be absorbed within the departments' existing budgeted resources.