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House of Representatives, December 20, 2011

An Act To Promote POW/MIA Recognition Day

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 16, 2011. Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST
Clerk

Presented by Representative TURNER of Burlington.
Cosponsored by President RAYE of Washington and
Representatives: BLACK of Wilton, CRAFTS of Lisbon, CUSHING of Hampden, MAKER of
Calais, MOULTON of York, WILLETTE of Mapleton, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland,
THOMAS of Somerset.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §136**, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 302, §1, is amended to read:

3 **§136. Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Recognition Day**

4 The Governor annually shall issue a proclamation designating the 3rd Friday in
5 September as Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Recognition Day in remembrance of
6 the courage and plight of American prisoners of war and those missing in action. The
7 proclamation must recommend that the day be observed in an appropriate manner and
8 must specify that the United States flag and the State of Maine flag be flown at half staff
9 on that day. The Governor shall issue the proclamation through a media outlet as defined
10 in Title 3, section 312-A, subsection 10-B at least 48 hours in advance of the day. The
11 Department of Education and the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency
12 Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services shall make appropriate information
13 available to citizens, schools, organizations and groups within the limits of their budgets.

14 **SUMMARY**

15 This bill requires the Governor to issue the proclamation designating the 3rd Friday
16 in September as Prisoner of War - Missing in Action Recognition Day through a media
17 outlet at least 48 hours in advance of the day. The bill also requires that the proclamation
18 specify that the United States flag and the State of Maine flag be flown at half staff on
19 that day. The bill also requires that the Department of Education and the Department of
20 Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Maine Veterans' Services
21 make appropriate information available within the limits of their budgets.