

ORIGINAL HOUSE
BILL NO. 0139

ENROLLED ACT NO. 40, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIFTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING
2003 GENERAL SESSION

AN ACT relating to flags; authorizing the continued use of the POW/MIA flag at the state capitol; providing for the display of the POW/MIA flag at other state government offices and buildings; allowing the use of the flag for other government buildings and offices; specifying legislative intent; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 8-3-118 is created to read:

8-3-118. POW/MIA flags.

(a) The National League of Families POW/MIA flag, recognized by the United States Congress in P.L. 101-355 and other federal laws, is authorized and shall continue to be displayed directly beneath the national flag on state capitol grounds. All other state leased or owned buildings and offices that fly the national flag may also fly the POW/MIA flag directly beneath the national flag on any day upon which the national flag is displayed. Any state agency, board or commission having authority for the supervision, control or management of a state leased or owned building or office is authorized to adopt rules relating to the display of the POW/MIA flag at the state leased or owned building or office pursuant to this section.

(b) Any county, city, town or political subdivision of the state may display the POW/MIA flag directly beneath the national flag on any day upon which the national flag is displayed.

(c) All protocols used in displaying national flags shall be used in displaying the POW/MIA flag. All

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penalties provided by the laws of this state for the misuse of the national flag are applicable to the POW/MIA flag.

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the acquisition, erection and maintenance of a flagpole or the display of the POW/MIA flag where a pole or display of the national flag does not already exist.

Section 2. The intent of this act is to remember all Wyomingites who have been or who may be listed as prisoners of war or missing in action as well as to express the state's concern and commitment to these individuals and their families. The display of the POW/MIA flag shall serve as a daily reminder of the state's concern and commitment to help resolve the fates of these persons.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2003.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the House.

Chief Clerk