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Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT to amend the military law and the public buildings law, in  
relation to the display of certain flags upon the capitol building

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-  
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. The military law is amended by adding a new section 267 to  
2     read as follows:  
3     S 267. DESIGNATION OF HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG FOR FALLEN MEMBERS OF  
4     THE ARMED FORCES. (A) LEGISLATIVE INTENT. THE LEGISLATURE FINDS AND  
5     DETERMINES THAT:  
6     (1) SINCE THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR, MORE THAN ONE MILLION MEMBERS OF THE  
7     UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES HAVE PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE BY SACRIFICING  
8     THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY;  
9     (2) THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE FALLEN MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES ARE  
10    DESERVING OF NATIONAL RECOGNITION; AND  
11    (3) CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED SYMBOLIC FLAG THAT  
12    ACKNOWLEDGES MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.  
13    (B) ADOPTION. THE NATIONAL HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG FOR FALLEN MEMBERS  
14    OF THE ARMED FORCES SHALL BE THE OFFICIAL HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG FOR  
15    THE STATE OF NEW YORK. THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG IS THE SYMBOL OF OUR  
16    NATION'S CONCERN AND COMMITMENT TO HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIVES OF  
17    ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES  
18    IN THE LINE OF DUTY.  
19    (C) PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF FLAGS. NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS  
20    AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, THE COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL  
21    SERVICES SHALL COMMENCE THE PROCUREMENT OF HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAGS AND  
22    DISTRIBUTE THEM AS NECESSARY.  
23    S 2. Subdivision 2 of section 3 of the public buildings law, as  
24    amended by chapter 118 of the laws of 1962, is amended to read as  
25    follows:

EXPLANATION--Matter in *ITALICS* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1       2. cause the flags of the United States [and], the state flag bearing  
2 the arms of the state AND THE FLAG COMMONLY DESIGNATED AS THE NATIONAL  
3 HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG, to be displayed upon the capitol building  
4 during the daily sessions of the legislature and on public occasions,  
5 and cause the necessary flagstaffs to be erected therefor. Cause the  
6 flag of the United States to be appropriately displayed at all times in  
7 the senate chamber and in the assembly chamber. Cause the flag of the  
8 United States to be appropriately displayed upon the walls of any hall  
9 or other meeting place in a public building under his supervision and  
10 control during any meeting or gathering of persons to which the public  
11 is invited. The necessary expenses incurred thereby shall be paid out of  
12 the treasury on the warrant of the comptroller.

13       S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall  
14 have become a law.