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House Bill No. 2885
(By Delegates Butcher, Givens, Stemple, Craig, Coleman, Frederick and H. White)

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AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven, article one, chapter four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended; and to amend and reenact section two-a, article three, chapter seven of said code, all relating to displaying flags at the state capitol, county courthouses or other governmental buildings; requiring the prisoner-of-war/missing-in-action flags be flown over the state capitol on certain days; providing counties and municipalities with the option to purchase prisoner-of-war/missing-in-action flags for display over courthouses or other governmental buildings on certain days.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section seven, article one, chapter four of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted; and that section two-a, article three, chapter seven be amended and reenacted, all to read as follows:
ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES; APPROPRIATIONS; INVESTIGATIONS; DISPLAY OF FLAGS; RECORDS; USE OF CAPITOL BUILDING; PREFILING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS; STANDING COMMITTEES; INTERIM MEETINGS; NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.

§4-1-7. Flags displayed during sessions.

1. The flag of the United States, and the flag of the state of West Virginia shall be flown over the state capitol building year-round; and the POW-MIA flag shall be flown over the state capitol building on Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veteran’s Day each year.

ARTICLE 3. COUNTY PROPERTY.

§7-3-2a. County commissions to purchase and display flags.

1. The county commission of every county of the state shall, out of its general revenue fund, cause to be purchased a United States flag and a flag of the state of West Virginia, four feet by six feet in dimensions and of regulation bunting, or of other appropriate size and quality, for its courthouse, and shall require the same to be displayed from the courthouse, or from an appropriate staff or pole near thereto, every day between the hours of sunrise and sunset, except in inclement weather. Each county court shall likewise cause to be purchased a United States flag and a flag of the state of West Virginia, and require same to be displayed at all times in the circuit courtroom of the county. Each county and any municipality therein shall have the option of purchasing a POW-MIA flag to be displayed from its courthouse or other governmental building alongside the state flag and United States flag on Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veteran’s Day each year. It shall be the duty of the custodian or other person in charge of the courthouse to see that the flags are displayed as herein provided.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman Senate Committee

Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the Senate

Clerk of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within ______ approve this the ______ day of ______, 2001.

Governor