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FOR
House Bill No. 2187

(By Delegate(s) Overington, Hanshaw, Gearheart, Frich, Sobonya, Householder, Moffatt, Kelly, Rowan, Butler and Cadle)

Passed March 12, 2015

In effect ninety days from passage.
AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-6-17, relating to patriotic displays at public buildings; allowing for the national motto, “In God We Trust”, to be displayed on public buildings; allowing for the display of the POW-MIA flag at public buildings; and requiring the State Building Commission to develop guidelines for appropriate display of the motto and flag.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-6-17, to read as follows:
ARTICLE 6. STATE BUILDINGS.

§5-6-17. Display of the national motto and POW-MIA flag.

(a) The Legislature finds and declares that the national motto of "In God We Trust," is an important part of our country's history and heritage. Additionally, the POW-MIA flag is a symbol of citizen concern for U.S. military personnel taken as prisoners of war (POW) or listed as missing in action (MIA). These patriotic displays enhance our national pride and awareness, both of the sacrifices made by service members and our heritage as Americans.

(b) The governing authority of any public property, public buildings and any building, designed, constructed and maintained with public funds from the state, a county or a municipality may prominently display on such property or building, the American national motto, "In God We Trust." Costs associated with the display of the motto may be paid for with any private donations, gifts, grants and bequests received by the governing authority.

(c) The governing authority of any public property, public buildings and any building, designed, constructed and maintained with public funds from the state, a county or a municipality may prominently display on such property or building, the POW-MIA flag in the same manner as prescribed by this code for the required display of national and state flags. Costs associated with the display of the POW-MIA flag may be paid for with any private donations, gifts, grants and bequests received by the governing authority.

(d) The State Building Commission shall develop guidelines for the display of the motto and POW-MIA flag.
That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

Chairman, House Committee

Chairman, Senate Committee

Originating in the House.

In effect ninety days from passage.

Clerk of the House of Delegates

Clerk of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Delegates

President of the Senate

The within is approved this the 26th
day of March, 2015.

Governor