1   H.106

2   Introduced by Representatives Lawrence of Lyndon, Conquest of Newbury,

3   Fagan of Rutland City, Helm of Fair Haven, and Shaw of

4   Pittsford

5   Referred to Committee on

6   Date:

7   Subject: State Flag; Bennington Battle Flag

8   Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow towns

9   to display the Bennington Battle Flag in place of the Vermont State flag when

10   a citizen is deployed in an active military combat zone.

11   An act relating to the Battle of Bennington Flag

12   It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13   Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A. § 496 is amended to read:

14   § 496. STATE FLAGS, PURCHASE, DISTRIBUTION

15   (a) The ~~secretary of state~~ Secretary of State shall, through the ~~department of~~

16   ~~buildings and general services~~ Department of Buildings and General Services,

17   obtain ~~state~~ State flags, and a copy of the Bennington Battle Flag, so-called.

18   He or she may, in his or her discretion and on such terms as he or she finds

19   appropriate, distribute ~~said state~~ the State flags to other states, to ~~state~~ State

20   officials, departments, and agencies, and to such other persons as he or she

1   may determine should have them in the interest of the ~~state~~ State. He or she

2   shall cause the Bennington Battle Flag to be delivered to the custody of the

3   Sergeant at Arms, to be flown at the State House in Montpelier, under the

4   United States Flag, on the 15th, 16th, and 17th days of August in each year to

5   commemorate the Battle of Bennington.

6   (b) The ~~secretary of state~~ Secretary of State shall furnish to the ~~division for~~

7   ~~historic preservation~~ Division for Historic Preservation, under this section, one

8   Vermont ~~state~~ State flag and one Bennington Battle Flag to be flown at the

9   Bennington Battle Monument Area.

10   (c) A town may fly the Bennington Battle Flag in place of or in addition to

11   the Vermont State flag throughout the duration of a resident's deployment in

12   an active military combat zone.

13   Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

14   This act shall take effect on passage.