

1 H.472

2 Introduced by Representative Lawrence of Lyndon

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: State Flag; servicemembers

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to allow towns
7 to display the flag known as the Green Mountain Republic Flag in place of or
8 in addition to the Vermont State flag when a resident is deployed in an active
9 military combat zone.

10 An act relating to flags in recognition of servicemembers

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

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

13 § 496. STATE FLAGS, PURCHASE, DISTRIBUTION

14 (a) The Secretary of State shall, through the Department of Buildings and
15 General Services, obtain State Flags and a copy of the Bennington Battle Flag,
16 so-called. He or she may, in his or her discretion and on such terms as he or
17 she finds appropriate, distribute said State Flags to other states, to State
18 officials, departments, and agencies, and to such other persons as he or she
19 may determine should have them in the interest of the State. He or she shall
20 cause the Bennington Battle Flag to be delivered to the custody of the Sergeant

1 at Arms, to be flown at the State House in Montpelier, under the United States
2 Flag, on the 15th, 16th, and 17th days of August in each year to commemorate
3 the Battle of Bennington.

4 (b) The Secretary of State shall furnish to the Division for Historic
5 Preservation, under this section, one Vermont State Flag and one Bennington
6 Battle Flag to be flown at the Bennington Battle Monument Area.

7 (c) A town may fly the flag known as the Green Mountain Republic Flag in
8 place of or in addition to the Vermont State flag throughout the duration of a
9 resident's deployment in an active military combat zone.

10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on passage.