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Introduced by Representatives Strong of Albany, Brennan of Colchester,
Christie of Hartford, Cupoli of Rutland City, Gonzalez of
Winooski, Howard of Rutland City, Morrissey of Bennington,
Read of Fayston, Smith of Derby, and Walz of Barre City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: General provisions; State Veterans Flag; Honor and Remember Flag

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to designate the
Honor and Remember Flag as the State Veterans Flag.

An act relating to ~~designating the Honor and Remember Flag as the State
Veterans Flag~~ *the Honor and Remember Flag*

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

~~Sec. 1. FINDINGS~~

~~The Honor and Remember Flag has been created to recognize U.S. Armed
Forces personnel who died in the defense of our nation. Its designation as the
State Veterans Flag will create an official State symbol that recognizes the
dedicated military service of those Vermonters who died in combat as
members of the U.S. Armed Forces.~~

~~Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 520 is added to read:~~

1 ~~§ 520. STATE VETERANS FLAG~~

2 ~~The State Veterans Flag shall be the Honor and Remember Flag.~~

3 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 ~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2018.~~

Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A § 496a is added to read:

§ 496a. HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG

The Honor and Remember Flag is designated as the State Flag to recognize those Vermonters who died during or as the result of serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. This designation will recognize their bravery and educate Vermonters about the sacrifices their fellow citizens have made to protect our nation. The Honor and Remember Flag may be flown on State-owned and municipally owned flagpoles, including those at military facilities, war memorials, and veterans cemeteries, on legal holidays and other designated days. The Department of Buildings and General Services may establish a protocol for the flying of the Honor and Remember Flag and may accept donations of the flag to be flown on State-owned flagpoles.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

~~*This act shall take effect on passage.*~~

Sec. 1. 1 V.S.A. § 496a is added to read:

§ 496a. HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG

The Honor and Remember Flag is designated as the flag that recognizes

those Vermonters who died during or as the result of serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. This designation will recognize their bravery and educate Vermonters about the sacrifices their fellow citizens have made to protect our nation. The Department of Buildings and General Services shall establish a protocol for the flying of the Honor and Remember Flag and may accept donations of the flag to be flown on State-owned flagpoles. The Honor and Remember Flag may be flown on State-owned and municipally owned flagpoles, including those at military facilities, war memorials, and veterans cemeteries on such days as the Department of Buildings and General Services shall designate in the protocol.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.