

House Study Bill 540 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON HOLT)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the display of the POW/MIA flag on public
2 buildings.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 1B.3, Code 2018, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **1B.3 Flags on public buildings.**

4 1. It shall be the duty of any board of public officers
5 charged with providing supplies for a public building in the
6 state to provide a suitable state flag and it shall be the duty
7 of the custodian of that public building to raise the flags of
8 the United States of America and the state of Iowa, upon each
9 secular day when weather conditions are favorable.

10 2. The custodian of a public building shall be authorized
11 to raise the national league of POW/MIA families' flag on a
12 flag pole on the third Saturday in May, Memorial Day, June
13 14, Independence Day, Veterans Day, and the day designated by
14 proclamation of the president of the United States as national
15 POW/MIA recognition day. If the custodian of a public building
16 raises the national league of POW/MIA families' flag on a flag
17 pole, the prisoner of war/missing in action flag shall be no
18 larger than the flag of the United States of America and shall
19 be flown third in order of precedence directly underneath, or
20 adjacent to, the flag of the state of Iowa.

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EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill provides that a custodian of a public building may
25 raise the POW/MIA flag on the third Saturday in May, Memorial
26 Day, June 14, Independence Day, Veterans Day, and the day
27 designated by presidential proclamation as national POW/MIA
28 recognition day.

29 The bill further provides that if the POW/MIA flag is flown
30 on a flag pole of a public building, it shall be no larger than
31 and flown, second in order of precedence, directly underneath,
32 or adjacent to, the flag of the state of Iowa.