

**House File 2517 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 634)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the display of flags at half-staff on public  
2 buildings.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 1B.3, Code 2026, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

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

4 1. As used in this section, "public building" means a  
5 vertical improvement, as defined in section 15J.2, used for a  
6 public purpose by the state or a political subdivision of the  
7 state.

8 2. ~~It shall be the duty of any~~ A board of public officers  
9 charged with providing supplies for a public building in the  
10 state ~~to shall~~ provide a suitable state flag, and ~~it shall be the~~  
11 ~~duty of~~ the custodian of that public building ~~to shall~~ raise the  
12 flags of the United States of America and the state of Iowa, upon  
13 each secular day when weather conditions are favorable.

14 3. The custodian and the board of public officers of a public  
15 building in the state shall have the flags of the United States  
16 of America and the state of Iowa flown at half-staff when so  
17 directed by a proclamation issued by the governor.

18 4. A person may report an alleged violation of subsection  
19 3 to the attorney general. The attorney general may initiate  
20 an action in the name of the state, including but not limited  
21 to an action for injunctive relief, to obtain compliance with  
22 subsection 3.

23 EXPLANATION

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

26 This bill requires the custodian and the board of public  
27 officers of a public building to comply with a proclamation  
28 issued by the governor for the flags of the United States and  
29 the state of Iowa to be flown at half-staff. The bill allows a  
30 person to report alleged violations to the attorney general, who  
31 may initiate a legal action to obtain compliance with the bill's  
32 provisions.