

SENATE BILL 579

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Display of the POW/MIA Flag on State Building Grounds**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of General Services and the Secretary of
4 Transportation to cause the POW/MIA flag to be flown on the grounds of certain
5 State buildings whenever the flag of the United States is flown; providing for the
6 application of a certain provision of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally
7 relating to the display of the POW/MIA flag on the grounds of State buildings.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – State Finance and Procurement

10 Section 4–210

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

16 **4–210.**

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “POW/MIA FLAG” MEANS THE POW/MIA FLAG OF
18 THE NATIONAL LEAGUE OF FAMILIES OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND MISSING IN
19 SOUTHEAST ASIA.

20 (B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

21 (1) THE STATE HOUSE; OR

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) A STATE BUILDING THAT:**

2 **(I) IS A HISTORIC BUILDING; OR**

3 **(II) 1. HAS A FLAGPOLE ATTACHED TO THE BUILDING; AND**

4 **2. IS DETERMINED TO BE STRUCTURALLY UNABLE TO**
5 **WITHSTAND ADDITIONAL FLAGS BEING FLOWN FROM THE FLAGPOLE.**

6 **(C) THE SECRETARY OF GENERAL SERVICES AND THE SECRETARY OF**
7 **TRANSPORTATION SHALL CAUSE THE POW/MIA FLAG TO BE FLOWN ON THE**
8 **GROUNDS OF ALL STATE BUILDINGS UNDER THEIR CONTROL WHENEVER THE FLAG**
9 **OF THE UNITED STATES IS FLOWN.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2017.