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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 817**  
**99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 8.012 and 253.048, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the display of the POW/MIA flag.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Sections 8.012 and 253.048, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 8.012 and 253.048, to read as follows:

8.012. **1.** At all state buildings and upon the grounds thereof, the board of public  
2 buildings ~~may~~ **shall** accompany the display of the flag of the United States and the flag of this  
3 state with the display of the POW/MIA flag, which is designed to commemorate the service and  
4 sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces of the United States who were prisoners of war  
5 or missing in action and with the display of the Honor and Remember flag as an official  
6 recognition and in honor of fallen members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

7 **2. If a state building does not possess a POW/MIA flag the board shall reach out**  
8 **to local veterans organizations to obtain a donated flag.**

9 **3. If the state building is unable to obtain a donated flag or if displaying the flag on**  
10 **the existing flagpole would in any circumstance be inconsistent with the provisions of the**  
11 **state of Missouri policy for display of national and state flags, the state building shall be**  
12 **exempt from this section.**

253.048. **1.** Within the state parks, the department ~~may~~ **shall** accompany the display  
2 of the flag of the United States and the flag of this state with the display of the MIA/POW flag,  
3 which is designed to commemorate the service and sacrifice of members of the Armed Forces  
4 of the United States who were prisoners of war or missing in action and with the display of the  
5 Honor and Remember flag as an official recognition and in honor of fallen members of the  
6 Armed Forces of the United States.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

7           **2. If a state park does not possess a POW/MIA flag the department shall reach out**  
8 **to local veterans organizations to obtain a donated flag.**

9           **3. If the state park is unable to obtain a donated flag or if displaying the flag on the**  
10 **existing flagpole would in any circumstance be inconsistent with the provisions of the state**  
11 **of Missouri policy for display of national and state flags, the state park shall be exempt**  
12 **from this section.**

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