

## CHAPTER 2019-145

### Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 427

An act relating to the Honor and Remember flag; creating s. 256.16, F.S.; designating the Honor and Remember flag as the emblem of the state; authorizing the display of the flag at specified locations, on specified days, and in a specified manner; requiring the flags to be manufactured in the United States; authorizing local governments to display the flag at certain locations; authorizing certain departments, agencies, and local governments to adopt certain regulations by a specified date; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 256.16, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

256.16 Honor and Remember flag.—

(1) The Honor and Remember flag is designated as the state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line of duty.

(2) The flag may be displayed:

(a) At the following locations:

1. Any state-owned building at which the United States flag is displayed.
2. Any state-owned military memorials.
3. Any other state-owned location.

(b) On the following days:

1. Veterans Day, November 11.
2. Gold Star Mother's Day, the last Sunday in September.
3. A day on which a member of the United States Armed Forces who is a resident of this state loses his or her life in the line of duty.

(c) In a manner designed to ensure visibility to the public.

(d) With no more than two additional flags when displayed together on a flagpole.

(3) A flag displayed pursuant to this section must be manufactured in the United States.

(4) A local government may display the flag in accordance with paragraphs (2)(b), (c), and (d) at any local government building at which the United States flag is displayed and at any other local government location it deems appropriate.

(5) By July 1, 2020, a department or an agency responsible for a location specified in paragraph (2)(a), or a local government pursuant to subsection (4), may adopt regulations as necessary to carry out this section. Such regulations may not require an employee to report to work solely to display the flag.

Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.

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