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Committee on Veterans' Affairs and Homeland Security then  
Finance.]

**FISCAL  
NOTE**

A BILL to amend and reenact §7-3-2a of the Code of West Virginia,  
1931, as amended, relating to requiring display of POW/MIA  
flag on county courthouses and other government buildings.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That §7-3-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended,  
be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 3. COUNTY PROPERTY.**

**§7-3-2a. County commissions to purchase and display flags.**

The county commission of every county of the state shall  
purchase, out of its General Revenue Fund, a United States flag,  
~~and~~ a flag of the State of West Virginia and a POW/MIA flag, four  
feet by six feet in dimensions and of regulation bunting, or of  
other appropriate size and quality, for its courthouse, and shall  
require the flags to be displayed from the courthouse, or from an  
appropriate nearby staff or pole, every day between the hours of  
sunrise and sunset, except in inclement weather. Each county

1 commission shall also purchase a United States flag and a flag of  
2 the State of West Virginia, and require the flags to be displayed  
3 at all times in the circuit courtroom of the county. ~~Each county~~  
4 ~~and any municipality therein may purchase a POW-MIA flag to be~~  
5 ~~displayed from its courthouse or other governmental building~~  
6 ~~alongside the state flag and United States flag on Memorial Day,~~  
7 ~~Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA~~  
8 ~~Recognition Day and Veteran's Day each year.~~ The custodian or  
9 other person in charge of the courthouse shall display the flags as  
10 required by this section.

11 Any United States flag, ~~or~~ flag of the State of West Virginia  
12 or POW/MIA flag purchased out of the general revenue of the county  
13 must be manufactured in the United States.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require the POW/MIA flag to be displayed at county courthouses.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.