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to the Committee on Political Subdivisions then
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1 A BILL to amend and reenact §7-3-2a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to requiring the purchase by county commissions and display of POW/MIA flags at county
 3 courthouses.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

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

1 The county commission of every county of the state shall purchase, out of its General
 2 Revenue Fund, a United States flag, ~~and~~ a flag of the State of West Virginia, and a POW/MIA
 3 flag, four feet by six feet in dimensions and of regulation bunting, or of other appropriate size and
 4 quality, for its courthouse, and shall require the flags to be displayed from the courthouse, or from
 5 an appropriate nearby staff or pole, every day between the hours of sunrise and sunset, except
 6 in inclement weather. Each county commission shall also purchase a United States flag and a
 7 flag of the State of West Virginia and require the flags to be displayed at all times in the circuit
 8 courtroom of the county. ~~Each county and any municipality therein may purchase a POW-MIA~~
 9 ~~flag to be displayed from its courthouse or other governmental building alongside the state flag~~
 10 ~~and United States flag on Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Independence Day,~~
 11 ~~National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veteran's Day each year.~~ The custodian or other person
 12 in charge of the courthouse shall display the flags as required by this section.

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

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

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