WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2024 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

House Bill 5339

By Delegate Dillon

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A BILL to amend and reenact §4-1-7 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to requiring that House of Delegates and the Senate open each session with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of West Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 1. OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES; APPROPRIATIONS; INVESTIGATIONS; DISPLAY OF FLAGS; Pledge of allegiance to the flag of west virginia; RECORDS; USE OF CAPITOL BUILDING; PREFILING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS; STANDING COMMITTEES; INTERIM MEETINGS; NEXT MEETING OF THE SENATE.

§4-1-7. Flags displayed during sessions, opening each day of session with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of West Virginia.

(a) The flag of the United States, and the flag of the State of West Virginia shall be flown over the state Capitol building year-round; and the POW-MIA flag shall be flown over the state Capitol building on Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, National POW/MIA Recognition Day and Veterans Day each year.

(b) The WV House of Delegates and the Senate shall open each day of Session with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of West Virginia.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to require that House of Delegates and the Senate open each session with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of West Virginia.

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