

Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs And Space

CS/CS/HB 427 — Honor and Remember Flag

by State Affairs Committee; Local, Federal and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee; and Rep. Gregory and others (CS/SB 718 by Military and Veterans Affairs and Space Committee and Senator Gruters)

This bill establishes the Honor and Remember flag as the state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces (USAF) who have given their lives in the line of duty.

The bill authorizes the flag to be displayed at the following state-owned locations: a building at which the United States flag is displayed, a military memorial, and any other location. A flag may also be flown at a local government building. Days on which the flag may be displayed are Veterans Day, Gold Star Mother's Day, and a day on which a Florida resident who is a member of the USAF has died in the line of duty. The flag must be made in the United States and displayed with no more than two additional flags on the flagpole.

By July 1, 2020, a department or an agency responsible for a location at which a flag may be flown or a participating local government may adopt regulations to implement this law. However, a regulation may not require an employee to report to work solely to display the flag.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect January 1, 2020.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 113-0