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March 3, 2022

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An Act relating to State Capitol building; providing for the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to promulgate rules for a flag flying program; providing for request to fly flag over State Capitol; authorizing OMES to develop fee structure; depositing of certain fee to certain fund; providing for flags allowed to be flown; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 27 of Title 73, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) shall promulgate rules for a flag flying program enabling the people of Oklahoma to request for a flag or flags to be flown at the Oklahoma State Capitol building on specific days for commemorative purposes. Such flags shall be flown at the State Capitol based on availability and in conformity with the rules established by OMES on a first-come, first-served basis; provided, that the person requesting the flag completes all necessary forms and pays all necessary fees required by OMES for the implementation of this section of law.

1 B. OMES is hereby authorized to develop a fee structure to  
2 provide for the costs associated with the flag flying program  
3 including but not limited to the cost of the purchase of the flag,  
4 cost of employee services and cost of certificate confirming date  
5 and time flag was flown. An additional fee of Twenty-five dollars  
6 (\$25.00) per flag flown shall be charged and deposited into the  
7 Capitol Preservation Fund.

8 C. The flags available to be flown over the Oklahoma State  
9 Capitol according to this section shall be:

- 10 1. The current flag of the State of Oklahoma;
- 11 2. The current flag of the United States;
- 12 3. The original (Star & 46) flag of the State of Oklahoma;
- 13 4. The original 13 Stars and Stripes flag of the United States  
14 also known as the Betsy Ross flag;
- 15 5. The "An Appeal to Heaven" flag flown by General George  
16 Washington; and
- 17 6. The Gadsden flag also known as the "Don't Tread On Me" flag.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2022.

19 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
20 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
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