

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Flag Display Act is amended by adding
5 Section 11 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 465/11 new)

7 Sec. 11. Display of flag at half-staff. The United States
8 national flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first
9 hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the
10 half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the
11 peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day, the
12 flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then
13 raised to the top of the staff. By order of the Governor, the
14 flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of a present
15 or former official of the government, the death of a member of
16 the Armed Forces who dies while serving on active duty, the
17 death of a first responder who dies while serving in the line
18 of duty, or any other death or occurrence that the Governor
19 deems worthy of such a recognition. An order of the Governor to
20 fly the flag at half-staff may be for any length of time up to
21 the greatest length of time enumerated in Section 7 of the
22 United States Flag Code. For the purposes of this Section,
23 "half-staff" means the position of the flag when it is

1 one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.