

HB5860



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

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by Rep. Harry Benton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 465/12 new

Amends the Flag Display Act. Provides that a government official who, in the course of the official's duties, knowingly displays or knowingly causes to be displayed the United States national flag with the union down on government property, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property, commits a Class 4 felony. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

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 12 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 465/12 new)

7 Sec. 12. Display of United States national flag by
8 government official.

9 (a) The flag should never be displayed with the union
10 down, except as a signal of dire distress in instances of
11 extreme danger to life or property.

12 (b) A government official who, in the course of the
13 official's duties, knowingly displays or knowingly causes to
14 be displayed the United States national flag with the union
15 down on government property, except as a signal of dire
16 distress in instances of extreme danger to life or property,
17 commits a Class 4 felony.

18 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
19 becoming law.