

# HB5861



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB5861

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 business offense punishable by a fine of not more than \$25,000. 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 business offense punishable by a fine of not more  
18 than \$25,000.

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