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House Bill No. 2187

(By Delegate(s) Overington, Hanshaw, Gearheart, Frich, Sobonya, Householder, Moffatt, Kelly, Rowan, Butler and Cadle)

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AN ACT to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-6-17, relating to patriotic displays at public buildings; allowing for the national motto, "In God We Trust", to be displayed on public buildings; allowing for the display of the POW-MIA flag at public buildings; and requiring the State Building Commission to develop guidelines for appropriate display of the motto and flag.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new section, designated §5-6-17, to read as follows:

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#### ARTICLE 6. STATE BUILDINGS.

#### §5-6-17. Display of the national motto and POW-MIA flag.

- 1 (a) The Legislature finds and declares that the national motto
- of "In God We Trust," is an important part of our country's
- history and heritage. Additionally, the POW-MIA flag is a
- symbol of citizen concern for U.S. military personnel taken as
- prisoners of war (POW) or listed as missing in action (MIA).
- These patriotic displays enhance our national pride and aware-
- ness, both of the sacrifices made by service members and our
- heritage as Americans.
- 9 (b) The governing authority of any public property, public
- 10 buildings and any building, designed, constructed and main-
- 11 tained with public funds from the state, a county or a municipal-
- 12 ity may prominently display on such property or building, the
- 13 American national motto, "In God We Trust." Costs associated
- 14 with the display of the motto may be paid for with any private
- 15 donations, gifts, grants and bequests received by the governing
- 16 authority.
- 17 (c) The governing authority of any public property, public
- 18 buildings and any building, designed, constructed and main-
- 19 tained with public funds from the state, a county or a municipal-
- 20 ity may prominently display on such property or building, the
- 21 POW-MIA flag in the same manner as prescribed by this code
- 22 for the required display of national and state flags. Costs 23
- associated with the display of the POW-MIA flag may be paid
- 24 for with any private donations, gifts, grants and bequests
- received by the governing authority. 25
- 26 (d) The State Building Commission shall develop guidelines
- 27 for the display of the motto and POW-MIA flag.

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That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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