

By: Senator(s) Tollison

To: Public Property;
Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2416

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 3-3-15.1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO DIRECT THE BUREAU OF CAPITOL FACILITIES TO DISPLAY THE POW/MIA
3 FLAG AT THE NEW CAPITOL BUILDING ON CERTAIN DAYS RELATING TO THE
4 RECOGNITION OF VETERANS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

6 **SECTION 1.** The following provision shall be codified as

7 Section 3-3-15.1, Mississippi Code of 1972:

8 3-3-15.1. (1) In order to commemorate the 50th anniversary
9 of the Korean Conflict, the Legislature enacts this Section
10 3-3-15.1 as the symbol of the nation's and the state's commitment
11 to achieving the fullest possible accounting for Mississippians
12 who have been or in the future may become prisoners of war,
13 missing in action or otherwise unaccounted for as a result of
14 hostile action.

15 (2) As used in this Section 3-3-15.1, the term "POW/MIA
16 Flag" means the National League of Families POW/MIA Flag
17 recognized officially and designated by Section 2 of Public Law
18 101-355 (36 USC 189).

19 (3) The Bureau of Capitol Facilities shall display the
20 POW/MIA Flag in a prominent place at the New Capitol Building on
21 the following days:

- 22 (a) Armed Forces Day, the third Saturday in May;
- 23 (b) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
- 24 (c) Flag Day, June 14;
- 25 (d) Independence Day, July 4;
- 26 (e) National POW/MIA Recognition Day; and
- 27 (f) Veterans Day, November 11.

28 (4) Such display shall serve as the symbol of the nation's
29 and the state's concern and commitment to achieving the fullest
30 possible accounting of Americans and Mississippians who, having
31 been prisoners of war or missing in action, still remain
32 unaccounted for.

33 (5) This section shall not be construed or applied so as to
34 either require or prohibit the display of the POW/MIA Flag by any
35 county, municipality or public school district in Mississippi.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after its passage.