



HOUSE BILL No. 4006

January 11, 1995, Introduced by Rep. Anthony and referred to the Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans' Affairs.

A bill to amend section 2a of Act No. 63 of the Public Acts of 1915, entitled as amended

"An act to provide for the furnishing of suitable flag holders and United States flags for the graves of veterans who served in the armed forces of the United States for the marking and designation of the graves for memorial purposes; and to provide a penalty for the removal or destruction of the flag holders and United States flags when placed,"

as added by Act No. 263 of the Public Acts of 1988, being section 35.832a of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 2a of Act No. 63 of the Public Acts of
2 1915, as added by Act No. 263 of the Public Acts of 1988, being
3 section 35.832a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 2a. (1) A privately owned cemetery ~~—, upon the request~~
6 ~~of a family member of a veteran of the armed forces of the United~~

1 ~~States who is buried within the cemetery,~~ shall provide a
2 suitable United States flag not larger than 12 inches by 18
3 inches, at the cemetery's expense, for the grave of the veteran.
4 The cemetery shall be responsible for the cost and maintenance of
5 the United States flag.

6 (2) A privately owned cemetery shall provide the United
7 States flags required under subsection (1) for placement during
8 Memorial day, the fourth of July, and Veterans day, and may, but
9 shall not be required to, provide the United States flags during
10 any other times of the year.

11 ~~(3) A request to a privately owned cemetery under this sec-~~
12 ~~tion shall include the location of the grave of the veteran for~~
13 ~~whom a United States flag is to be provided. The family member~~
14 ~~who makes the request is responsible for placing the United~~
15 ~~States flag on the grave of the veteran, and may supply and use,~~
16 ~~at his or her own expense, a suitable flag holder. The privately~~
17 ~~owned cemetery is not responsible for placing the United States~~
18 ~~flag or flag holder on the grave of the veteran. The privately~~
19 ~~owned cemetery may remove the flag and flag holder if they are~~
20 ~~not removed by the family member who made the request.~~

21 (3) ~~(4)~~ In the case of a mausoleum or other burial chamber
22 containing the graves of more than 1 veteran, a privately owned
23 cemetery need only supply 1 United States flag for placement at
24 the mausoleum or burial chamber to memorialize all of those
25 veterans' graves.