

SENATE, No. 2067

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 15, 1997

By Senators CAFIERO and KOSCO

1 AN ACT concerning setting the United States flag at half-staff and
2 supplementing chapter 3 of Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. The Governor, upon timely notification and verification of the
8 death of a federal, State or local law enforcement officer or firefighter
9 who works in New Jersey and who died in the line of duty, shall direct
10 that the flag of the United States be flown at half-staff for one week
11 at the State House. The flag shall be flown upon an existing flagstaff
12 or, at the option of the Governor, one erected at an appropriate site,
13 after consultation with organizations representing law enforcement
14 officers and firefighters on the location and design of the flagstaff.

15 The flag flown in honor of the deceased law enforcement officer or
16 firefighter shall be presented to the family of that officer or firefighter.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill would require the United States flag at the State Capitol
24 be flown at half-staff when a federal, State or local law enforcement
25 officer or firefighter dies in the line of duty. The bill would allow the
26 flag to be flown upon an existing flagstaff or newly constructed
27 flagstaff. The flag would be flown at half-staff for one week and then
28 presented to the family of the fallen law enforcement officer or
29 firefighter. New Jersey residents value and support the vital work
30 performed by the law enforcement officers and firefighters. This
31 gesture of sorrow and gratitude will serve as a fitting tribute to those
32 who lost their lives in the line of duty.

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3 Requires State House flag be flown at half-staff for law enforcement

4 officers and firefighters who died in the line of duty.