

House Bill 767

By: Representatives Snow of the 2nd, Smith of the 175th and Stancil of the 16th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-3-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duties
2 of the Secretary of State with respect to the state flag, so as to provide that the Secretary of
3 State shall provide an appropriate state flag for the funerals of certain state officers and
4 certain state and local employees; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;
5 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 50-3-4 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to duties of the
9 Secretary of State with respect to the state flag, is amended by striking the Code section in
10 its entirety and inserting in its place a new Code section to read as follows:

11 "50-3-4.

12 (a) The Secretary of State is designated as the custodian of the state flag. From funds
13 made available for such purpose, the Secretary of State shall procure suitable state flags;
14 and he or she shall be authorized to furnish, without cost, to the various public schools of
15 this state, to the superior and state courts, and to other departments and agencies of the
16 state, counties, or municipal authorities, such flags for their use in displaying same. From
17 such funds he or she is authorized also to procure such flags and facsimiles thereof as may
18 cause the flag sufficiently and properly to be made known and displayed.

19 (b) The Secretary of State shall likewise provide without cost an appropriate state flag for
20 use and presentation at the funeral services of any state or local employee who is a certified
21 peace officer, conservation ranger, or firefighter and who is killed in the line of duty or any
22 elected state officer who dies while in office."

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
25 without such approval.

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SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.