

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-490 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by*  
3 *adding a section numbered 18.2-488.1, relating to Uniform Flag Act; flag at half mast for certain*  
4 *public safety personnel killed in the line of duty.*

5 [H 573]

6 Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

8 **1. That § 18.2-490 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of**  
9 **Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-488.1 as follows:**

10 *§ 18.2-488.1. Flag at half mast for certain public safety personnel killed in the line of duty.*

11 *A. As used in this section, unless the context requires a different meaning:*

12 *"Emergency medical services provider" means the same as that term is defined in § 32.1-111.1, and*  
13 *any member of a volunteer lifesaving crew or rescue squad.*

14 *"Firefighter" means the same as that term is defined in § 9.1-300, and any member of a volunteer*  
15 *fire department.*

16 *"Police officer" means any full-time or part-time employee of a police department or sheriff's office*  
17 *which is a part of or administered by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof and who is*  
18 *responsible for the prevention and detection of crime and the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or*  
19 *highway laws of the Commonwealth.*

20 *"Service member" means a member of the United States armed forces.*

21 *B. Whenever a service member, police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical services provider*  
22 *who is a resident of Virginia is killed in the line of duty, all flags, state and local, flown at any building*  
23 *owned and operated by the Commonwealth shall be flown at half staff or mast for one day to honor and*  
24 *acknowledge respect for those who made the supreme sacrifice.*

25 *C. The Department of General Services shall develop procedures to effectuate the purposes of this*  
26 *section.*

27 *§ 18.2-490. Penalty.*

28 *Any violation of this article shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor.*

29 *The provisions of this section shall not apply to § 18.2-488.1.*

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