

MARKERS FOR VETERANS' GRAVES (EXCERPT)
Act 63 of 1915

35.831a Flag holder and United States flag; procurement by county; expense; purpose; assembly or manufacture within this state or elsewhere in United States; noncompliance as civil infraction.

Sec. 1a. (1) The legislative body of a county in this state, upon petition of a local recognized veterans' organization, or a local affiliate of a recognized veterans' organization, or of 5 eligible voters of the county, may procure for and furnish to the petitioners, at the expense of the county, a suitable flag holder and United States flag for the grave of each veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States and who is buried in any public or private cemetery located within the limits of the county.

(2) A flag holder and United States flag shall be placed on the grave of a veteran for the purpose of marking and designating the grave for memorial purposes.

(3) A county shall not purchase flag holders or United States flags assembled or manufactured outside of the United States if competitively priced and of comparable quality flag holders or United States flags made in this state or elsewhere in the United States are available. If a county purchases flag holders or United States flags assembled or manufactured outside of the United States because competitively priced and comparable quality flag holders or United States flags made in this state or elsewhere in the United States were not available, that county shall post on a website maintained by that county notification that the county purchased flag holders or United States flags assembled or manufactured outside of the United States because competitively priced and comparable quality flag holders or United States flags made in this state or elsewhere in the United States were not available, and that county shall also post on that website the country of origin of the flag holders or United States flags purchased. If a county purchases flag holders or United States flags assembled or manufactured outside of the United States because competitively priced and comparable quality flag holders or United States flags made in this state or elsewhere in the United States were not available, and that county does not maintain a website, that county shall post at its principal office and any other locations considered appropriate by that county notification that the county purchased flag holders or United States flags assembled or manufactured outside of the United States because competitively priced and comparable quality flag holders or United States flags made in this state or elsewhere in the United States were not available, and that county shall also post at its principal office and any other locations considered appropriate by that county the country of origin of the flag holders or United States flags purchased. If a county does not comply with this subsection, that county is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00. As used in this subsection, "United States" includes territories of the United States and the District of Columbia.

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