

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

35.831 Flag holders and United States flag for veterans' graves in cemetery belonging to city, village, municipality, or township; petition; expense; purpose; assembly or manufacture within this state or elsewhere in United States; purchase; noncompliance as civil infraction.

Sec. 1.

(1) The legislative body of a city, village, municipality, or township in this state, upon the petition of a local recognized veterans' organization, an affiliate of a recognized veterans' organization, or 5 eligible voters of the city, village, municipality, or township, shall procure for and furnish to the petitioners, at the expense of the city, village, municipality, or township, 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 within the limits of a public or private cemetery located within the city, village, municipality, or township. The requirement to provide a suitable flag holder and United States flag for private cemeteries does not apply in the fiscal year in which an initial request for a suitable flag holder and United States flag exceeds 50 graves within a particular township, but would apply in the immediately succeeding fiscal year in that township.

(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 city, village, municipality, or township 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 city, village, municipality, or township 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 city, village, municipality, or township shall post on a website maintained by that city, village, municipality, or township notification that the city, village, municipality, or township 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 city, village, municipality, or township shall also post on that website the country of origin of the flag holders or United States flags purchased. If a city, village, municipality, or township 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 city, village, municipality, or township does not maintain a website, that city, village, municipality, or township shall post at its principal office and any other locations considered appropriate by that city, village, municipality, or township notification that the city, village, municipality, or township 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 city, village, municipality, or township shall also post at its principal office and any other locations considered appropriate by that city, village, municipality, or township the country of origin of the flag holders or United States flags purchased. If a city, village, municipality, or township does not comply with this subsection, that city, village, municipality, or township 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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