

No. 1986-66

## AN ACT

HB 968

Amending the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), entitled "An act relating to counties of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth classes; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," further regulating flags placed on graves.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1922 of the act of August 9, 1955 (P.L.323, No.130), known as The County Code, is amended to read:

Section 1922. Flags to Decorate Graves.—(a) It shall be the duty of the county commissioners to provide flags on each Memorial Day with which to decorate the graves of all deceased service persons buried within the county. The flags to be used for such purposes shall be of one standard size, *colorfast and American made*, and shall be purchased at the expense of the county from moneys in the county treasury.

(b) Such flags shall be furnished to the various veterans' organizations in such numbers as they shall require for their respective communities.

(c) The moneys expended by any county under the provisions of this section shall be in addition to moneys appropriated by counties for Memorial Day purposes.

(d) The authorities in charge of any cemetery are authorized to remove such flags when the same become unsightly or weatherworn at any time not **[less than ninety days after the flags have been placed on graves] before the first working day after Independence Day of each year.**

*(e) Any authority or person in charge of any cemetery who shall remove or cause the removal of the flags prior to the first working day after Independence Day shall be guilty of a summary offense and, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to pay a fine in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) and, upon failure to pay such fine, to undergo imprisonment not to exceed ninety days.*

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 12th day of June, A. D. 1986.

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