

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1501

By: Cox

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 1991, Section 375, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 4, O.S.L. 1996 (21 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 375), which relates to the raising of certain flags over public property; specifying flags raised over the Oklahoma State Capitol Building Flag Plaza; providing for transfer of certain flags; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 375, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 4, O.S.L. 1996 (21 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 375), is amended to read as follows:

Section 375. A. It shall be unlawful and constitute a misdemeanor for any person to place, hoist, raise or display any flag, standard, colors or ensign upon or over any publicly owned tax-supported property or premises except roads, streets, highways, stadiums or arenas in the State of Oklahoma, except:

1. The flag, standard, colors or ensign of the United States of America;
2. The flag of any nation formerly having dominion over the land now comprising the State of Oklahoma or any portion of said land;
3. The official flag of any of the fifty states of the United States;
4. An Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building commemorative flag;
5. The official flag of any municipality in this state;
6. The Boy Scouts of America flag;
7. The Girl Scouts United States of America flag;

8. The American Red Cross flag; and

9. Such other flags as may be approved by the governing board or agency having control over said public property.

B. It shall be unlawful for the Flag Plaza of the Oklahoma State Capitol Building to have any flag placed, hoisted, raised or displayed on that plaza, except:

1. The flag of the United States of America; and

2. The official Oklahoma state flag.

C. Any flag not provided for in subsection B of this section which is removed from the Flag Plaza of the Oklahoma State Capitol Building shall be transferred to the Oklahoma Historical Society.

D. Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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