

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 2037

By: Newberry and Russell of the
Senate

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4 Jordan of the House
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7 An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; directing
8 the Department of Central Services to furnish flags
9 to the family of members of the Armed Forces killed
10 in action; allowing for condolences by certain
11 officials; directing the flags be mailed to surviving
12 family; requiring purchase of flags produced by U.S.
13 manufacturers only; providing for codification; and
14 providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 63.11a of Title 72, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Department of Central Services shall, from the effective
20 date of this act, furnish an Oklahoma state flag to any member of
21 the United States Armed Forces, including the National Guard or
22 Armed Forces reserve, who is either killed in the line of duty in a
23 combat zone or dies of wounds inflicted in a combat zone and who, at
24 the time of death, was a resident of this state or whose surviving
spouse, or parents, if no surviving spouse, are residents of this
state.

1 B. The Governor's office shall alert the Department of Central
2 Services upon the death of any Oklahoma member of the United States
3 Armed Forces. Prior to sending the flag to the deceased's spouse or
4 parents, the Department of Central Services shall alert the
5 deceased's member of the State Senate and House of Representatives
6 so that a letter of condolence may be sent with the flag. The
7 Oklahoma flag shall be mailed to the surviving spouse, or parents if
8 no surviving spouse, by the Department of Central Services.

9 C. All United States flags and all Oklahoma flags purchased by
10 the state or political subdivisions shall be manufactured in the
11 United States.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

13 Passed the Senate the 3rd day of March, 2010.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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17 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

18 2010.

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