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February 17, 2022

By: Rader and Stephens of the
Senate

Pae and Provenzano of the House

An Act relating to the 9/11 Freedom Flag; authorizing certain flag to be flown commemorating the September 11, 2001, terror attacks on the United States; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 375, which relates to flag placement prohibitions; authorizing placement of certain commemorative flag; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 93.3 of Title 25, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

In memory of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and the plane crash victims of the United Airlines Flight 93, the 9/11 Freedom Flag that commemorates this day in American history, shall be authorized to be flown on flagpoles throughout the state in remembrance.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 375, is
2 amended to read as follows:

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

8 1. The flag, standard, colors or ensign of the United States of
9 America;

10 2. The flag of any nation formerly having dominion over the
11 land now comprising the State of Oklahoma or any portion of said
12 land;

13 3. The official flag of any of the fifty states of the United
14 States;

15 4. An Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building commemorative flag;

16 5. The official flag of any municipality in this state;

17 6. The Boy Scouts of America flag;

18 7. The Girl Scouts United States of America flag;

19 8. The American Red Cross flag;

20 9. The American Ex-Prisoner of War flag;

21 10. The POW/MIA flag; ~~and~~

22 11. The 9/11 Freedom Flag; and

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

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

6 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
7 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
8 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
9 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT
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