
HOUSE BILL 2138

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1 AN ACT Relating to national Korean war veterans armistice day;
2 amending RCW 1.20.017; and reenacting and amending RCW 1.16.050.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 1.16.050 and 2007 c 61 s 2 and 2007 c 19 s 2 are each
5 reenacted and amended to read as follows:

6 The following are legal holidays: Sunday; the first day of
7 January, commonly called New Year's Day; the third Monday of January,
8 being celebrated as the anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King,
9 Jr.; the third Monday of February to be known as Presidents' Day and to
10 be celebrated as the anniversary of the births of Abraham Lincoln and
11 George Washington; the last Monday of May, commonly known as Memorial
12 Day; the fourth day of July, being the anniversary of the Declaration
13 of Independence; the first Monday in September, to be known as Labor
14 Day; the eleventh day of November, to be known as Veterans' Day; the
15 fourth Thursday in November, to be known as Thanksgiving Day; the day
16 immediately following Thanksgiving Day; and the twenty-fifth day of
17 December, commonly called Christmas Day.

18 Employees of the state and its political subdivisions, except
19 employees of school districts and except those nonclassified employees

1 of institutions of higher education who hold appointments or are
2 employed under contracts to perform services for periods of less than
3 twelve consecutive months, shall be entitled to one paid holiday per
4 calendar year in addition to those specified in this section. Each
5 employee of the state or its political subdivisions may select the day
6 on which the employee desires to take the additional holiday provided
7 for herein after consultation with the employer pursuant to guidelines
8 to be promulgated by rule of the appropriate personnel authority, or in
9 the case of local government by ordinance or resolution of the
10 legislative authority.

11 If any of the above specified state legal holidays are also federal
12 legal holidays but observed on different dates, only the state legal
13 holidays shall be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees of
14 the state and its political subdivisions except that for port districts
15 and the law enforcement and public transit employees of municipal
16 corporations, either the federal or the state legal holiday, but in no
17 case both, may be recognized as a paid legal holiday for employees.

18 Whenever any legal holiday, other than Sunday, falls upon a Sunday,
19 the following Monday shall be the legal holiday.

20 Whenever any legal holiday falls upon a Saturday, the preceding
21 Friday shall be the legal holiday.

22 Nothing in this section shall be construed to have the effect of
23 adding or deleting the number of paid holidays provided for in an
24 agreement between employees and employers of political subdivisions of
25 the state or as established by ordinance or resolution of the local
26 government legislative authority.

27 The legislature declares that the thirteenth day of January shall
28 be recognized as Korean-American day but shall not be considered a
29 legal holiday for any purposes.

30 The legislature declares that the twelfth day of October shall be
31 recognized as Columbus day but shall not be considered a legal holiday
32 for any purposes.

33 The legislature declares that the ninth day of April shall be
34 recognized as former prisoner of war recognition day but shall not be
35 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

36 The legislature declares that the twenty-sixth day of January shall
37 be recognized as Washington army and air national guard day but shall
38 not be considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

1 The legislature declares that the seventh day of August shall be
2 recognized as purple heart recipient recognition day but shall not be
3 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

4 The legislature declares that the second Sunday in October be
5 recognized as Washington state children's day but shall not be
6 considered a legal holiday for any purposes.

7 The legislature declares that the sixteenth day of April shall be
8 recognized as Mother Joseph day and the fourth day of September as
9 Marcus Whitman day, but neither shall be considered legal holidays for
10 any purpose.

11 The legislature declares that the seventh day of December be
12 recognized as Pearl Harbor remembrance day but shall not be considered
13 a legal holiday for any purpose.

14 The legislature declares that the twenty-seventh day of July be
15 recognized as national Korean war veterans armistice day but shall not
16 be considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

17 The legislature declares that the nineteenth day of February be
18 recognized as civil liberties day of remembrance but shall not be
19 considered a legal holiday for any purpose.

20 The legislature declares that the nineteenth day of June be
21 recognized as Juneteenth, a day of remembrance for the day the slaves
22 learned of their freedom, but shall not be considered a legal holiday
23 for any purpose.

24 **Sec. 2.** RCW 1.20.017 and 2002 c 293 s 1 are each amended to read
25 as follows:

26 (1) Each public entity shall display the national league of
27 families' POW/MIA flag along with the flag of the United States and the
28 flag of the state upon or near the principal building of the public
29 entity on the following days: (a) Armed Forces Day on the third
30 Saturday in May; (b) Memorial Day on the last Monday in May; (c) Flag
31 Day on June 14; (d) Independence Day on July 4; (e) National Korean War
32 Veterans Armistice Day on July 27; (f) National POW/MIA Recognition Day
33 on the third Friday in September; and ((+f+)) (g) Veterans' Day on
34 November 11. If the designated day falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then
35 the POW/MIA flag will be displayed on the preceding Friday.

36 (2) The governor's veterans affairs advisory committee shall

1 provide information to public entities regarding the purchase and
2 display of the POW/MIA flag upon request.

3 (3) As used in this section, "public entity" means every state
4 agency, including each institution of higher education, and every
5 county, city, and town.

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