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## **SB 174 Honor & Remember/Honor & Sacrifice Flags**

### **Ver. B Sponsor Statement**

The loss of a family member is difficult, made even more difficult when that person was lost in the line of duty. Senate Bill 174, "An Act relating to the Honor and Remember Flag and the Honor and Sacrifice Flag," would create state symbols that can be displayed to recognize the sacrifice of those lost in the line of duty while serving in the U.S. armed forces, or as a police officer or firefighter, and their families.

While monuments and memorials have been built to recognize those who lost their lives in service to their country or community, fewer than five percent of Americans will ever see them. Creating the Honor and Remember and Honor and Sacrifice Flags will provide an official emblem that recognizes with dignity and respect those that have offered the greatest sacrifice, as well as the ongoing loss that their families must endure. Twenty-seven states have adopted the Honor and Remember Flag as their states' symbol of recognition for military service members that have died in the line of duty, protecting, and defending our liberties.

SB 174 designates in state law the forms these flags must take, as well as where and when they may be flown. Implementation of the bill would not create additional costs for the State of Alaska, as it designates when and where the flags may be displayed but does not require State offices to do so.