the Board of Trustees approves the member's retroactive participation in the DROP, the Board of Trustees shall commence and continue payment of the normal service retirement allowance, including the cost of living adjustments as provided in Title 20, Subtitle 4, Part III of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, to the member as provided in §§ 26–401 and 26–402 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.

- (2) (ii) If a member dies before the Board of Trustees approves the member's application to participate retroactively in the DROP, the Board of Trustees shall pay 50% of the normal service retirement allowance, including the cost of living adjustments as provided in Title 29, Subtitle 4, Part III of the State Personnel and Pensions Article, to the beneficiary as provided in § 26–402 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.
- (g) (e) (1) This subsection applies to an eligible member who elects to participate in the DROP prospectively.
- (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) (2) of this subsection, an eligible member shall participate in the DROP in accordance with the provisions of § 26-401.1 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article.
- (3) (2) A member who participates in the DROP prospectively under this Act, may elect to participate in the DROP for a period not to exceed the lesser of:
 - (i) 4 years;
- (ii) the difference between the mandatory retirement age for the member and the member's age as of the date that the member completes an application under subsection (c) of this section to participate in the DROP; or
 - (iii) a term selected by the member.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 26, 2005.

CHAPTER 520

(House Bill 50)

AN ACT concerning

POW/MIA Flag Display from on State House Grounds

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain POW/MIA flag to be flown from on the State House grounds on certain days each year; defining a certain term; requiring the State House Trust to determine the site on the State House grounds where the POW/MIA flag will be flown; and generally relating to the display of the POW/MIA flag from on the State House grounds.