



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 630**

January Session, 2009

Substitute House Bill No. 5949

*House of Representatives, April 15, 2009*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through REP. SPALLONE of the 36th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNTRY OF MANUFACTURE FOR FLAGS DISPLAYED ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) All national or state flags (1)
- 2 displayed on or in any public building, as defined in section 1-1 of the
- 3 general statutes, or used for the purposes of sections 3-2b, 9-237 and
- 4 51-27g of the general statutes, and (2) purchased after the effective date
- 5 of this section, shall be manufactured in the United States.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section
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### **Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

Certain references to the general statutes were removed for accuracy and to avoid redundancy and provisions were rephrased and subdivision indicators were added for clarity.

**GAE**      *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

<b>Agency Affected</b>	<b>Fund-Effect</b>	<b>FY 10 \$</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>
Dept. of Administrative Services; Various State Agencies	GF - None	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

#### **Municipal Impact:**

<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>Effect</b>	<b>FY 10 \$</b>	<b>FY 11 \$</b>
Various Municipalities	STATE MANDATE - See Below	See Below	See Below

### **Explanation**

The bill requires that national and state flags purchased after July 1, 2009 and displayed on or in public buildings, on the walls of polling places during the hours of elections, or outside of courthouses be manufactured in the United States.

As the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) only contracts with companies that provide national and state flags manufactured in the U.S., this bill will have no fiscal impact on state agencies that purchase flags off the DAS contract of approved flag vendors.

The fiscal impact of this bill on municipalities and local and regional school districts depends on whether flags are currently purchased from U.S. flag manufacturers, and if not, whether flags purchased from U.S. manufacturers cost more than flags purchased from foreign manufacturers.

### **The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would

continue into the future subject to inflation.

*Sources: Department of Administrative Services*

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5949*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE COUNTRY OF MANUFACTURE FOR  
FLAGS DISPLAYED ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires that national and state flags purchased after July 1, 2009 and (1) displayed on or in public buildings, on the walls of polling places during election hours, or outside of courthouses or (2) provided by the veterans' affairs commissioner for use on the graves of legislators or statewide officers be manufactured in the United States. "Public buildings" include (1) statehouses, courthouses, town halls, arsenals, magazines, prisons, community correctional centers, almshouses, markets, or other buildings owned by the state or a political subdivision; (2) churches, chapels, meetinghouses, or other buildings generally used for religious worship; and (3) colleges, academies, schoolhouses, or other buildings generally used for literary instruction.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

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