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## Summary

This bill recognizes a “historic state flag” design, and provides for its display and use in certain circumstances.

On May 11, 2024, a new design for the official state flag became effective. The new official state flag reflects the work of the State Emblems Redesign Commission, which completed its work in December 2023. The state flag design that was retired as a result of the commission’s work is recognized by this bill as the “historic state flag.”

The bill provides that all persons maintain the right to use and display the historic state flag upon any occasion deemed fitting and appropriate. The lieutenant governor is required to establish standards and specifications for the manufacture and display of the historic state flag.

The historic state flag must be displayed: (1) on state property during state holidays, as determined by the governor; and (2) on the Capitol complex during regular and special sessions of the legislature.

The bill also permits the historic state flag to be displayed on other public property for ceremonial purposes, so long as the flag is serviceable. The official state flag must be used when the historic state flag is not displayed for ceremonial purposes, and the historic state flag must be displayed beneath the official state flag, if both are displayed together.