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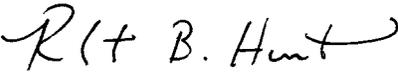
H.P. 54

House of Representatives, January 9, 2023

### An Act to Restore the Former State of Maine Flag

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Reference to the Committee on State and Local Government suggested and ordered printed.

  
ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative PAULHUS of Bath.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §206** is amended to read:

3 **§206. State flag**

4 The flag to be known as the official flag of the State ~~shall be of blue, of the same color~~  
5 ~~as the blue field in the flag of the United States, and of the following dimensions and~~  
6 ~~designs; to wit, the length or height of the staff to be 9 feet, including brass spearhead and~~  
7 ~~ferrule; the fly of said flag to be 5 feet 6 inches, and to be 4 feet 4 inches on the staff; in the~~  
8 ~~center of the flag there shall be embroidered in silk on both sides of the flag the coat of~~  
9 ~~arms of the State, in proportionate size; the edges to be trimmed with knotted fringe of~~  
10 ~~yellow silk, 2 1/2 inches wide; a cord, with tassels, to be attached to the staff at the~~  
11 ~~spearhead, to be 8 feet 6 inches long and composed of white and blue silk strands must be~~  
12 ~~buff, charged with the emblem of the State, a pine tree proper, in the center, and the North~~  
13 ~~Star, a mullet of 5 points, in blue in the upper corner; the star to be equidistant from the~~  
14 ~~hoist and the upper border of the flag, the distance from the 2 borders to the center of the~~  
15 ~~star being equal to about 1/4 of the hoist, this distance and the size of the star being~~  
16 ~~proportionate to the size of the flag.~~ A flag made in accordance with the description given  
17 in this section ~~shall~~ must be kept in the office of the Adjutant General as a model.

18 **Sec. 2. 37-B MRSA §384**, as enacted by PL 1983, c. 460, §3, is amended to read:

19 **§384. Flag to be carried**

20 The flag of the State to be carried by the National Guard ~~shall~~ must be the same as the  
21 flag described in Title 1, section 206, with addition of a scroll in red below the ~~coat of arms~~  
22 emblem of the State bearing the inscription, "Maine National Guard."

23 **SUMMARY**

24 This bill replaces the current State of Maine flag with the flag that was in use before  
25 1909.