

CHAPTER 256**(HB 583)**

AN ACT relating to the commemoration of Kentucky Vietnam War POW/MIAs.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 42 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) To honor those Kentuckians who proudly served their country during the Vietnam War but remain unaccounted for, the Department of Veterans' Affairs shall update the plaque at the base of the Freedom Tree near the Floral Clock on the grounds of the New Capitol Annex to contain the names of Kentucky Vietnam War POW/MIAs from the most recent official accounting available from the United States Department of Defense. The plaque shall also contain a depiction of the POW/MIA flag of the National League of Families of American Prisoners of War and Missing in Southeast Asia.*
- (2) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall be responsible for the design of the new plaque required by subsection (1) of this section, and the plaque shall be paid for by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Department of Veterans' Affairs may receive appropriations, gifts, grants, federal funds, and any other funds, both public and private, to defray the cost of updating the plaque.*
- (3) The Department of Facilities Management shall be responsible for preparing the base for the updated plaque, and for installing the plaque. The Department of Facilities Management shall be reimbursed the cost of the installation by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. The Department of Facilities Management shall also be responsible for the routine maintenance of the Freedom Tree, the memorial plaque, and the grounds surrounding the tree and plaque.*

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