

HB 233 – AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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HOUSE BILL **233**

AN ACT relative to the care of the war memorial in Franconia Notch state park, and relative to the Honor and Remember Flag as an official symbol to recognize and honor fallen members of the armed forces.

SPONSORS: Rep. Baldasaro, Rock 5; Rep. Theberge, Coos 3; Rep. Shurtleff, Merr 11; Rep. Tamburello, Rock 5; Rep. Weyler, Rock 13; Rep. Kappler, Rock 3; Rep. Griffin, Rock 7; Rep. R. Ober, Hills 37; Rep. Graham, Hills 7; Rep. LeBrun, Hills 32

COMMITTEE: Resources, Recreation and Development

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill establishes the standards of care for the war memorial in Franconia Notch state park. This bill also adopts the national Honor and Remember Flag as the official symbol of the state of New Hampshire to recognize and honor fallen members of the armed forces.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 New Section; Expansion of State Park System; Franconia Notch State Park; War Memorial.  
2 Amend RSA 216-A by inserting after section 6-a the following new section:

3 216-A:6-b Franconia Notch State Park War Memorial.

4 I. The war memorial on the eastern shore of Profile Lake in Franconia Notch state park  
5 shall be maintained for viewing and visiting by veterans and the public. Signage that recognizes the  
6 status of the park as a memorial to the men and women of New Hampshire who have served the  
7 nation in times of war as provided for in 1925, 260, and signage that directs people to the memorial  
8 site shall be placed in appropriate locations. The state shall not be responsible for the cost of  
9 purchasing and installing the signage. The design, construction, installation, and maintenance of  
10 any signage authorized under this section shall be approved by the department of resources and  
11 economic development or the department of transportation, depending on which agency has  
12 jurisdiction under the circumstances. Veterans groups may aid the state in the purchase and  
13 placement of signage and enhancing and maintaining the memorial sites through programs such as  
14 the Adopt-a-Park program and by other means. Veterans, as defined in RSA 21:50, and members of  
15 a veteran's immediate family accompanying them, shall pay no fee to visit the war memorials on the  
16 eastern shore of Profile Lake. Fees may be charged for the use of amenities, improvements,  
17 amusements, special events, and other enterprise and concession activities.

18 II. The director of the division of parks and recreation may solicit, accept, and expend any  
19 gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of placement of signage, and enhancing and maintaining  
20 the war memorials in accordance with this section.

21 2 Statement of Purpose. The general court finds that:

22 I. Since the Revolutionary War, more than 1,000,000 members of the United States Armed  
23 Forces have paid the ultimate price by sacrificing their lives in the line of duty.

24 II. The contributions of those fallen members of the Armed Forces are deserving of national  
25 recognition.

26 III. Currently, there is no officially recognized symbol that solely acknowledges members of  
27 the Armed Forces who died in the line of duty.

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1           3 New Sections; Honor and Remember Flag. Amend RSA 3 by inserting after section 3-b the  
2 following new sections:

3           3:3-c Official Adoption of Honor and Remember Flag. The Honor and Remember Flag created by  
4 Honor and Remember, Inc., is hereby adopted as this state's emblem of the service and sacrifice of  
5 the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces who have given their lives in the line  
6 of duty.

7           3:3-d Display of Honor and Remember Flag. The Honor and Remember Flag shall be displayed  
8 by the state daily at the New Hampshire state veterans cemetery in Boscawen, above the state house  
9 in Concord immediately below the state flag when there is a New Hampshire casualty, and on the  
10 following days:

11           I. Gold Star Mother's Day, the first Sunday after Easter.

12           II. Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

13           III. Independence Day, July 4.

14           IV. National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

15           V. Veterans Day, November 11.

16           4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

**HB 233 FISCAL NOTE**

AN ACT                    relative to the care of the war memorial in Franconia Notch state park.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Legislative Budget Assistant has determined that this legislation, **as amended by the House (Amendment #2013-0137h)**, has a total fiscal impact of less than \$10,000 in each of the fiscal years 2013 through 2017.