

April 3, 2003

S 722. DISPLAY OF AMERICAN FLAG. *PERTAINING TO THE DISPLAY OF THE UNITED STATES FLAG.*
Identical to H 404 as introduced on 3/11/03.

Intro. by Kinnaird.

Ref. to	GS 144
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April 23, 2003

S 722. DISPLAY OF AMERICAN FLAG. Intro. 4/3/03. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Rewrites proposed GS 144-7 to provide that display of flag may not be prohibited if all of the standards (rather than any of the standards) set forth in the act are met (consent of property's owner, recommended flagpole standards, etc.).

April 28, 2003

S 722. DISPLAY OF AMERICAN FLAG. Intro. 4/3/03. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 2nd edition: (1) clarifies that bill does not apply to real property in common areas, and (2) clarifies that display of flag is protected if it meets recommended minimum flagpole standards.

June 18, 2003

S 722. DISPLAY OF AMERICAN FLAG. Intro. 4/3/03. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Completely rewrites new GS 144-7 to prohibit private restrictions on the display of flags that are four by six feet or less and are displayed in accordance with patriotic customs established by federal law unless: a) the restrictions are registered prior to Oct. 1, 2003, and specifically use the terms "Flag of the United States of America," "American flag," or "United States flag;" or (b) the restrictions are registered on or after Oct. 1, 2003, and include a specific notice that document regulates or prohibits the display of the flag on the first page of the instrument or conveyance. Adopts new GS 144-7.1 prohibiting local governments from prohibiting the display of the flag if the flag is flown in accordance with federal patriotic customs and the property owner consents, but authorizes local governments to impose reasonable restrictions on the the size and location of flags required to protect public health, safety, and welfare. Makes technical changes. Effective Oct. 1, 2003, and applicable to ordinances or instruments adopted or registered prior to effective date.