

STATE FLAG AMENDMENTS

2023 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This bill addresses the state flag.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ establishes a new state flag;
- ▶ describes the design and meaning of the new state flag;
- ▶ designates the current state flag as the ceremonial state flag and provides for the flag display at the discretion of the governor;
- ▶ depicts both flags in images;
- ▶ repeals the State Flag Task Force; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

63I-2-236, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapters 97, 141, 363, 437, and 458

ENACTS:

63G-1-503, Utah Code Annotated 1953

REPEALS AND REENACTS:

63G-1-501, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 205

REPEALS:

36-29-201, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 205

36-29-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 8

36-29-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Second Special Session, Chapter 8

33 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

34 Section 1. Section **63G-1-501** is repealed and reenacted to read:

35 **Part 5. State Flags**

36 **63G-1-501. State flag -- Description -- Display -- Image.**

37 (1) The state flag of Utah shall be a rectangle that has a width to length ratio of three to
38 five and contain the following:

39 (a) two irregular, horizontal lines dividing the flag into three separate segments, of
40 which:

41 (i) the top segment:

42 (A) is located above the higher horizontal line;

43 (B) is shaded in blue; and

44 (C) represents tradition and the dark skies of Utah;

45 (ii) the middle segment:

46 (A) is located between the two horizontal lines;

47 (B) is shaded in white;

48 (C) at the higher horizontal line, takes the shape of a mountain with five peaks, the
49 center peak being the tallest and following the shape of the highest point of the hexagon
50 described in Subsection (1)(b);

51 (D) at the lower horizontal line, takes the shape of a canyon, following the shape of the
52 lowest point of the hexagon described in Subsection (1)(b); and

53 (E) represents peace and Utah's snow-covered mountains; and

54 (iii) the bottom segment:

55 (A) is located below the lower horizontal line;

56 (B) is shaded in red; and

57 (C) represents perseverance and the red rocks of Southern Utah;

58 (b) one hexagon that:

59 (i) is shaded in blue;

60 (ii) contains a smaller gold hexagon outline;

61 (iii) is placed within the center of the middle segment described in Subsection
62 (1)(a)(ii); and

63 (iv) represents strength and unity;

(c) one beehive that:
(i) is shaded in gold;
(ii) contains five hive sections with a small semicircle removed from the center of the base of the lowest section;
(iii) is placed within the center of the hexagon described in Subsection (1)(b); and
(iv) represents industry and community; and
(d) one eight-pointed star that:
(i) is shaded in white;
(ii) is placed below the center of the beehive described in Subsection (1)(c); and
(iii) represents hope and the eight federally-recognized Native American Tribes of Utah.

(2) The state flag shall appear substantially consistent with the following image:



(3) The state flag shall be displayed on all occasions when the state is officially and publicly represented, with the privilege of use by all citizens upon any occasion deemed fitting and appropriate.

Section 2. Section **63G-1-503** is enacted to read:

63G-1-503. Ceremonial state flag -- Description -- Display -- Image.

(1) The ceremonial state flag shall be a flag of blue field, with the following device worked in natural colors on the center of the blue field:

(a) in the center a shield;

(b) above the shield and thereon an American eagle with outstretched wings;

- 86 (c) the top of the shield pierced with six arrows arranged crosswise;
 87 (d) upon the shield under the arrows the word "Industry," and below the word
 88 "Industry" on the center of the shield, a beehive;
 89 (e) on each side of the beehive, growing sego lilies;
 90 (f) below the beehive and near the bottom of the shield, the word "Utah";
 91 (g) below the word "Utah" and on the bottom of the shield, the figures "1847";
 92 (h) behind the shield, there shall be two American flags on flagstaffs placed crosswise
 93 with the flags so draped to project beyond each side of the shield, the heads of the flagstaffs
 94 appearing in front of the eagle's wings and the bottom of each staff appearing over the face of
 95 the draped flag below the shield;
 96 (i) below the shield and flags and upon the blue field, the figures "1896"; and
 97 (j) around the entire design, a narrow circle in gold.
 98 (2) The ceremonial state flag shall appear substantially consistent with the following
 99 image:



- 101 (3) The ceremonial state flag shall be displayed on state property at the discretion of
 102 the governor upon any occasion deemed fitting and appropriate, which may include:
 103 (a) legal holidays described in Section 63G-1-301;
 104 (b) commemorative periods described in Section 63G-1-401; and
 105 (c) oath ceremonies, funerals, visits from government officials or dignitaries, or other
 106 specific events.
 107 Section 3. Section **63I-2-236** is amended to read:

108 **63I-2-236. Repeal dates: Title 36.**

109 (1) Section 36-12-8.2 is repealed July 1, 2023.

110 (2) Section 36-29-107.5 is repealed on November 30, 2023.

111 (3) Section 36-29-109 is repealed on November 30, 2027.

112 (4) Section 36-29-110 is repealed on November 30, 2024.

113 (5) Section 36-29-111 is repealed April 30, 2023.

114 ~~[(6) The following sections regarding the State Flag Task Force are repealed on~~

115 ~~January 1, 2024:]~~

116 ~~[(a) Section 36-29-201,]~~

117 ~~[(b) Section 36-29-202; and]~~

118 ~~[(c) Section 36-29-203.]~~

119 ~~[(7)]~~ (6) Title 36, Chapter 29, Part 3, Mental Illness Psychotherapy Drug Task Force, is
120 repealed December 31, 2023.

121 Section 4. **Repealer.**

122 This bill repeals:

123 Section **36-29-201, Definitions.**

124 Section **36-29-202, State Flag Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Meetings --**
125 **Vacancies -- Per diem and expenses -- Staff.**

126 Section **36-29-203, Task force duties.**