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An Act relating to the observance of public holidays in Singapore.

[10th April 1998]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Holidays Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
 - “public authority” means any board or authority established by or under any written law to perform or discharge any public function;
 - “public holiday” means —
 - (a) any of the days specified in the Schedule; or
 - (b) any other day declared by section 4(2) or under section 5 to be a public holiday.

Application of Act to Government

3. This Act binds the Government.

General public holidays

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the days specified in the Schedule are declared to be public holidays in Singapore.

(2) Subject to the provisions of this Act, if any day specified in the Schedule falls on a Sunday, the day next following not being itself a public holiday is declared a public holiday in Singapore.

Other public holidays

5.—(1) The President may, by notification in the *Gazette*, declare any day in any particular year to be observed as a public holiday in Singapore in addition to, or in substitution for, any day specified in the Schedule.

(2) Where in any year 2 public holidays fall on the same day, the President may, by notification in the *Gazette*, declare any day in that year to be observed as an additional public holiday.

Holiday in substitution of public holiday

6. Nothing in this Act shall prevent or affect the validity of any agreement made between any employer with any of his employees giving the employee any other holiday or holidays in substitution for any one or more public holidays.

Official acts, etc., on Sundays or public holidays

7. Subject to the provisions of any other written law, nothing in this Act shall render invalid any act or thing relating to any Government department or public authority, any judicial proceeding, any transaction, instrument or any other act or thing (whether or not of a similar kind) where it is done or executed on a Sunday or public holiday.

Validation

8. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that no act or thing relating to any Government department or public authority, no judicial proceeding, no transaction or instrument and no other act or thing (whether or not of a similar kind) shall be invalid by reason only

that it was done or executed on a Sunday or public holiday before 10th April 1998.

Saving for Employment Act

9. This Act shall not affect the operation of any of the provisions of the Employment Act (Cap. 91) relating to rest days, hours of work, shift workers, holidays and other conditions of service.

THE SCHEDULE

Section 4

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day

Chinese New Year (two days)

Hari Raya Puasa

Hari Raya Haji

Good Friday

Labour Day

Vesak Day

National Day

Deepavali

Christmas Day

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

HOLIDAYS ACT (CHAPTER 126)

This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Holidays Act. It is not part of the Act.

1. Act 54 of 1966 — Holidays Act 1966

- Date of First Reading : 5 December 1966
(Bill No. 54/1966)
- Date of Second and Third Readings : Dates not available.
- Date of commencement : 6 January 1967

2. Act 24 of 1968 — Holidays (Amendment) Act 1968

- Dates of First, Second and Third Readings : Dates not available.
- Date of commencement : 12 August 1968

3. 1970 Revised Edition — Holidays Act (Cap. 307)

- Date of operation : 31 August 1971

4. 1985 Revised Edition — Holidays Act

- Date of operation : 30 March 1987

5. Act 8 of 1998 — Holidays Act 1998

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15 January 1998)
- Date of Second and Third Readings : 19 February 1998
- Date of commencement : 10 April 1998

6. 1999 Revised Edition — Holidays Act

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