

THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2015**Act No. 28 of 2015***I assent**20 November 2015**Acting President of the Republic*

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An Act**To amend the Public Holidays Act**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Public Holidays (Amendment) Act 2015.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Public Holidays Act.

3. Section 3 of principal Act repealed and replaced

Section 3 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following section –

3. Public holidays

(1) The days specified in the second column of the First Schedule shall be observed as public holidays every year.

(2) The days specified in the Second Schedule shall, on an alternate basis, be observed as public holidays every year.

(3) In the year 2016, the day of celebration of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary shall be observed as public holiday.

4. New section 7A inserted in principal Act

The principal Act is amended by inserting, after section 7, the following new section –

7A. Regulations

(1) The Minister may make such regulations as he thinks fit for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Minister may, by regulations, amend the Schedules.

5. Schedule to principal Act repealed and replaced

The Schedule to the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the First Schedule set out in the First Schedule to this Act.

6. Second Schedule added to principal Act

The principal Act is amended by adding the Second Schedule set out in the Second Schedule to this Act.

7. Commencement

This Act shall come into operation on 1 January 2016.

Passed by the National Assembly on the seventeenth day of November two thousand and fifteen.

Bibi Safeena Lotun (Mrs)
Clerk of the National Assembly

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Section 5]

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[Section 3(1)]

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

1. Sundays
 2. Days of celebration of New Year 1 and 2 January
 3. Day of commemoration of Abolition of Slavery 1 February
 4. Day of celebration of Independence Day and Republic Day 12 March
 5. Day of celebration of Labour Day 1 May
 6. Day of commemoration of Arrival of Indentured Labourers 2 November
 7. Day of celebration of Christmas 25 December
 8. Day of celebration of Chinese Spring Festival
 9. Day of celebration of Divali
 10. Day of celebration of Eid-UI-Fitr
 11. Day of celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi
 12. Day of celebration of Maha Shivaratree
 13. Day of celebration of Ougadi
 14. Day of celebration of Thaipooam Cavadee
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SECOND SCHEDULE

[Section 6]

SECOND SCHEDULE

[Section 3(2)]

ALTERNATE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Day of celebration of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary or All
Saints Day
