

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. WALKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

AN ACT to amend the general construction law and the education law, in relation to the designation of Good Friday as a public holiday

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 24 of the general construction law, as amended by
2 chapter 347 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 24. Public holidays; half-holidays. The term public holiday includes
4 the following days in each year: the first day of January, known as New
5 Year's day; the third Monday of January, known as Dr. Martin Luther
6 King, Jr. day; the twelfth day of February, known as Lincoln's birthday;
7 the third Monday in February, known as Washington's birthday; the Friday
8 immediately before Easter, known as Good Friday; the last Monday in May,
9 known as Memorial day; the second Sunday in June, known as Flag day; the
10 fourth day of July, known as Independence day; the first Monday in
11 September, known as Labor day; the second Monday in October, known as
12 Columbus day; the eleventh day of November, known as Veterans' day; the
13 fourth Thursday in November, known as Thanksgiving day; and the twenty-
14 fifth day of December, known as Christmas day, and if any of such days
15 except Flag day is Sunday, the next day thereafter; each general
16 election day, and each day appointed by the president of the United
17 States or by the governor of this state as a day of general thanksgiv-
18 ing, general fasting and prayer, or other general religious observances.
19 The term half-holiday includes the period from noon to midnight of each
20 Saturday which is not a public holiday.

21 § 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 3204-a to
22 read as follows:

23 § 3204-a. Good Friday school holiday. 1. The Friday immediately before
24 Easter, commonly known as Good Friday, shall be declared a holiday for
25 all public schools.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 2. The term "Good Friday" shall replace "Spring Recess" and similar
2 terminology on all public school district calendars and communications
3 that reference Good Friday.

4 § 3. Section 3604 of the education law is amended by adding a new
5 subdivision 7-c to read as follows:

6 7-c. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, for purposes of any
7 calculation under subdivision seven or eight of this section, the
8 commissioner shall disregard any reduction resulting from the observance
9 of Good Friday and, if necessary, such observed holiday shall be calcu-
10 lated as a session day.

11 § 4. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
12 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.