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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, SANDERS, STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered
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  ary

AN ACT to amend the general construction law, in relation to the desig-
  nation of Diwali as a public holiday

**The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, 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 last
8 Monday in May, known as Memorial day; the second Sunday in June, known
9 as Flag day; the fourth day of July, known as Independence day; the
10 first Monday in September, known as Labor day; the second Monday in
11 October, known as Columbus day; the eleventh day of November, known as
12 Veterans' day; the fourth Thursday in November, known as Thanksgiving
13 day; [~~and~~] the twenty-fifth day of December, known as Christmas day**; and**
14 **the fifteenth day of the Hindu lunisolar month of Kartik, known as**
15 **Lakshmi Puja, or the Hindu festival of lights**, and if any of such days
16 except Flag day is Sunday, the next day thereafter; each general
17 election day, and each day appointed by the president of the United
18 States or by the governor of this state as a day of general thanksgiv-
19 ing, general fasting and prayer, or other general religious observances.
20 The term half-holiday includes the period from noon to midnight of each
21 Saturday which is not a public holiday.
22   § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
23 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.

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