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## IN SENATE

January 29, 2019

Introduced by Sens. COMRIE, SANDERS, STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Judiciary

AN ACT to amend the general construction law, in relation to the designation of Diwali 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 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.

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