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

AN ACT to amend the general construction law, in relation to the designation of Abolition Commemoration day 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 **second Monday in July, known as Abolition Commemoration day;** the first
11 Monday in September, known as Labor day; the second Monday in October,
12 known as Columbus day; the eleventh day of November, known as Veterans'
13 day; the fourth Thursday in November, known as Thanksgiving day; [and]
14 the twenty-fifth day of December, known as Christmas day, and if any of
15 such days except Flag day is Sunday, the next day thereafter; each
16 general election day, and each day appointed by the president of the
17 United States or by the governor of this state as a day of general
18 thanksgiving, general fasting and prayer, or other general religious
19 observances. The term half-holiday includes the period from noon to
20 midnight of each Saturday which is not a public holiday.
21   § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-
22 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.