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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN SENATE

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January 8, 2025

Introduced by Sen. BAILEY -- 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 Harriet Tubman day

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 249 of the laws of 2020, 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 tenth  
8 day of March, known as Harriet Tubman day; the last Monday in May, known  
9 as Memorial day; the second Sunday in June, known as Flag day; the nine-  
10 teenth day of June, known as Juneteenth; the fourth day of July, known  
11 as Independence day; the first Monday in September, known as Labor day;  
12 the second Monday in October, known as Columbus day; the eleventh day of  
13 November, known as Veterans' day; the fourth Thursday in November, known  
14 as Thanksgiving day; and the twenty-fifth day of December, known as  
15 Christmas day, and if any of such days except Flag day is Sunday, the  
16 next day thereafter; each general election day, and each day appointed  
17 by the president of the United States or by the governor of this state  
18 as a day of general thanksgiving, general fasting and prayer, or other  
19 general religious observances. The term half-holiday includes the period  
20 from noon to 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.

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