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ASSEMBLY, No. 2224

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 7, 1974

By Assemblymen McMANIMON, FORAN, PERKINS, LITTELL,  
KEAN, DOYLE, NEWMAN, DEVERIN, OTLOWSKI,  
KARCHER, BORNHEIMER, FROUDE, BARBOUR, PATERO,  
HAMILTON, WOODSON, CODEY, MARINO, YATES,  
SWEENEY, HURLEY and SALKIND

(Without Reference)

AN ACT concerning legal holidays and amending R. S. 36:1-1.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. R. S. 36:1-1 is amended to read as follows:

2 36:1-1. The following days in each year shall, for all purposes  
3 whatsoever as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance,  
4 and of the protesting and giving notice of dishonor, of bills of ex-  
5 change, bank checks and promissory notes be treated and considered  
6 as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and as public  
7 holidays: January 1, known as New Year's Day; February 12,  
8 known as Lincoln's Birthday; the third Monday in February, known  
9 as Washington's Birthday; the day designated and known as Good  
10 Friday; the last Monday in May, known as Memorial Day; July 4,  
11 known as Independence Day; the first Monday in September, known  
12 as Labor Day; the second Monday in October, known as Columbus  
13 Day; **the fourth Monday in October, known as Veteran's Day;**  
14 *November 11, known as Armistice Day or Veteran's Day;* the  
15 fourth Thursday in November, known as Thanksgiving Day;  
16 December 25, known as Christmas Day; any general election day in  
17 this State; every Saturday; and any day heretofore or hereafter  
18 appointed, ordered or recommended by the Governor of this State,  
19 or the President of the United States, as a day of fasting and  
20 prayer, or other religious observance, or as a bank holiday or  
21 holidays. All such bills, checks and notes, otherwise presentable for  
22 acceptance or payment on any of the days herein enumerated,

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill  
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

23 shall be deemed to be payable and be presentable for acceptance or  
24 payment on the secular or business day next succeeding any such  
24A holiday.

25 Whenever any of the days herein enumerated can and shall fall  
26 on a Sunday, the Monday next following shall, for any of the pur-  
27 poses herein enumerated be deemed a public holiday; and bills of  
28 exchange, checks and promissory notes which otherwise would be  
29 presentable for acceptance or payment on such Monday, shall be  
30 deemed to be presentable for acceptance or payment on the secular  
31 or business day next succeeding such holiday.

32 In construing this section, every Saturday shall, until 12  
33 noon, be deemed a secular or business day, except as is hereinbefore  
34 provided in regard to bills of exchange, bank checks and promissory  
35 notes, and the days herein enumerated except bank holidays and  
36 Saturdays shall be considered as the first day of the week, com-  
37 monly called Sunday, and public holidays, for all purposes what-  
38 soever as regards the transaction of business in the public offices  
39 of this State, or counties of this State; but on all other days or half  
40 days, except Sunday or as otherwise provided by law, such offices  
41 shall be kept open for the transaction of business.

1 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1975.

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STATEMENT

Veteran's Day which was previously known as Armistice Day has been traditionally celebrated on November 11 which marked the date on which the armistice was declared. Recently the observation of Veteran's Day was changed to the fourth Monday in October. It is felt that November 11 should be continued to be celebrated as Armistice Day—a legal holiday since the particular date has a special significance in American history. More than 40 states have already enacted laws making November 11 Armistice Day a legal holiday.