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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ACT**Regulations prescribing public holidays**

1. (1) The Governor in Council shall by regulation published in the *Gazette* prescribe the several days which shall be public holidays, and such days shall be kept as close holidays in all banks, shops or stores where goods are sold, and at the several public offices in Anguilla, and all bills of exchange and promissory notes which are due and payable on any such public holiday shall be payable and, in case of non-payment, may be noted and protested on the next following day, and not on any public holiday; and any such noting or protest shall be as valid as if made on the day on which the bill or note was made due and payable; and for all the purposes of this Act the day next following a public holiday shall mean the next following day on which a bill of exchange may be lawfully noted or protested.

(2) A regulation made by the Governor in Council under this section shall remain in force until superseded or varied by a subsequent regulation.

Provisions where day of notice of dishonour or presentation falls on a holiday

2. When the day on which any notice of dishonour of any unpaid bill of exchange or promissory note should be given, or when the day on which a bill of exchange or promissory note should be presented or received for acceptance, or accepted, or forwarded to any referee or referees, is a public holiday, such notice of dishonour shall be given and such bill of exchange or promissory note shall be presented or forwarded on the day next following such public holiday.

No persons obliged to make payment, etc., on holidays

3. No person shall be compellable to make any payment or to do any act upon such public holidays, which he would not be compellable to do or make on Christmas Day or Good Friday; and the obligation to make such payment and do such act shall apply to the day following such public holiday, and the making of such payment and doing such act on such following day shall be equivalent to payment of the money or performance of the act on the holiday.

Power to appoint special public holidays and to change day for a public holiday

4. It shall be lawful for the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council by regulation—
- (a) to appoint a special day or part of a day to be reserved as a public holiday either throughout Anguilla or in any town, district or village thereof and any day or part of a day so appointed shall be kept as a close holiday in all banks, shops, stores and public offices aforesaid in Anguilla or in such town, district or village thereof, and shall, as regards bills of exchange and promissory notes be deemed to be a public holiday for all purposes of this Act; or
 - (b) when it is made to appear to him in any special case that in any year it is inexpedient that a day by this Act appointed a public holiday should be a public holiday, to declare that such day shall not in such year be a public holiday, and appoint such other day as to him may seem fit to be a public holiday, instead of such day, and thereupon the day so appointed shall in such year be substituted for the day originally appointed by this Act.

Exceptions

5. Nothing in this Act shall—
- (a) prevent the opening of a drug store or drug shop on a public holiday in case of necessity for making up prescriptions and supplying drugs;
 - (b) be deemed to prohibit the opening of any public market or the sale at any place of any article of food or drink up to the hour of 9:00 a.m; or
 - (c) prevent the opening on a public holiday of any petrol station for the sale of gasoline, oil or motor accessories, or of any garage for the purpose of effecting emergency repairs to motor vehicles.

Provision for opening of shops and stores

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, the Governor with the advice of the Executive Council may from time to time, by regulation published in the *Gazette* permit any class of shop or store specified in such regulation to be kept open on a public holiday for the sale of any article in Anguilla, or any part thereof during such hours and subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by such regulation.

Penalty for opening on public holidays

7. Any person who keeps open any bank, shop, store or public office in contravention of the provisions of this Act, or fails to comply with the provisions of any regulation made under section 6, is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of \$10,000.

Bank holiday construed as public holiday

8. Any reference in any Act or regulation to a bank holiday shall be construed as a reference to a public holiday under this Act.

Citation

9. This Act may be cited as the Public Holidays Act, Revised Statutes of Anguilla, Chapter P130.