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29 of 1971,

21 of 1991.

AN ACT to declare every Full Moon Poya Day and Sunday as public holidays; to make special provision for the observance of the Full Moon Poya Day; and to make provision in regard to matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

[Date of Commencement: *2nd September, 1971*]

1. Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Holidays Act.

PART I

PUBLIC AND BANK HOLIDAYS

2. Declaration regarding Full Moon Poya Days and Sundays.

It is hereby declared that every Full Moon Poya Day and every Sunday—

- (a) shall be a public holiday; and
- (b) shall be a Bank holiday.

3. Additional public and Bank holidays.

Subject to the provisions of section 4—

- (a) the several days specified in the First Schedule hereto shall, in addition to the Full Moon Poya Days and Sundays, be public holidays; and
- (b) the several days specified in the Second Schedule hereto shall, in addition to the Full Moon Poya Days and Sundays, be Bank holidays.

4. Minister may amend Schedules to this Act.

The Minister may by Order published in the *Gazette* from time to time amend or vary the First Schedule or the Second Schedule to this Act or may from time to time replace any such Schedule by a new Schedule.

5. Public holidays to be dies none and to be kept as holiday.

- (1) Every public holiday—
 - (a) shall be a dies non; and
 - (b) shall be kept as a holiday.
- (2) Every Bank holiday shall be kept as a close holiday in every Bank.

6. Persons not to be compelled to do certain acts on Bank holidays.

(1) No person shall be compellable to make any payment or to do any act upon a Bank holiday which he would not be compelled to make or to do on a Full Moon Poya Day or a Sunday; and accordingly, the obligation to make such payment or to do such act shall apply to the date next following such Bank holiday which is not itself a Full Moon Poya Day or a Sunday or a Bank holiday; and the making of such payment or the doing of such act on such following day shall be deemed for all purposes, to be the equivalent to the making of such payment or the doing of such act on such Bank holiday.

(2) Nothing in the preceding provisions of this section shall affect the law for the time being in force relating to bills of exchange or promissory notes, nor shall anything in such provisions apply to any payment or act to be made or done in a court or public office on a Bank holiday which is not a public holiday.

7. Minister to make provision for special circumstances.