

AS TABLED IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

A BILL

entitled

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT ACT 2013

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Public Holidays Act 1947 to allow shops to open on certain public holidays;

Be it enacted by The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Assembly of Bermuda, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Citation

1 This Act may be cited as the Public Holidays Amendment Act 2013.

Amends section 11

2 In section 11 of the Public Holidays Act 1947, delete paragraphs (a) and (b) and substitute—

“(a) a person who operates a shop on any public holiday except Christmas Day, Good Friday and Easter Sunday;”.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Currently the effect of section 11 of the Public Holidays Act 1947 is that shops with a retail floor space exceeding 2,500 sq ft are permitted to open between the hours of 1pm-6pm on public holidays (including Sundays) except Christmas Day and Good Friday; and smaller shops are permitted to open at any time on public holidays (including Sundays) except Christmas Day and Good Friday. This Bill seeks to amend section 11 of the Public Holidays Act 1947 to allow shops of any size to open at any time on public holidays (including Sundays) except for Christmas Day, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Clause 1 is self-explanatory.

Clause 2 amends section 11 of the principal Act to replace paragraphs (a) and (b) with a new paragraph (a). The effect of this is to allow shops (defined in the Act as including “any premises where goods or merchandise are offered for sale”) of any size to open at any time on public holidays (including Sundays) except Christmas Day, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.