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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- HOLIDAYS

Introduced By: Representatives Sanchez, Fenton-Fung, Lima, Stewart, Potter, Alzate,  
Chippendale, Roberts, Fellela, and Rea

Date Introduced: February 21, 2023

Referred To: House Special Legislation

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 25-1-1 of the General Laws in Chapter 25-1 entitled "Holidays" is  
2 hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **25-1-1. General holidays enumerated.**

4 The first day of January or, in the event that day is a Saturday or Sunday, then state  
5 employees will celebrate the holiday on the following Monday (as New Year's Day), the third  
6 Monday of January (as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday), the third Monday of February (as  
7 Washington's Birthday), [the last day of Ramadan in accordance with the Islamic calendar, or in the](#)  
8 [event that day is a Saturday or Sunday then state employees will celebrate the holiday on the](#)  
9 [following Monday](#), the fourth day of May (as Rhode Island Independence Day), the last Monday  
10 of May (as Memorial Day), the fourth day of July or, in the event that day is a Saturday or Sunday,  
11 then state employees will celebrate the holiday on the following Monday (as Independence Day),  
12 the second Monday of August (as Victory Day), the first Monday of September (as Labor Day),  
13 the second Monday of October (as Columbus Day), the eleventh day of November or, in the event  
14 that day is a Saturday or Sunday, then state employees will celebrate the holiday on the following  
15 Monday (as Veterans' Day), the twenty-fifth day of December, or in the event that day is a Saturday  
16 or Sunday, then state employees will celebrate the holiday on the following Monday (as Christmas  
17 Day), and each of the above days in every year, or when either of the above days falls on the first  
18 day of the week, then the day following it, the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November in  
19 each year in which a general election of state officers is held (as election day), the first day of every

1 week (commonly called Sunday), and any other days as the governor or general assembly of this  
2 state or the president or the congress of the United States shall appoint as holidays for any purpose,  
3 days of thanksgiving, or days of solemn fast, shall be holidays.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would create a state holiday for the last day of Ramadan in accordance with the  
2 Islamic calendar.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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