

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

*Section*

1. Short Title of Act 601 amended
2. Section 1 of Act 601 amended
3. Section 4A inserted
4. Section 7 of Act 601 amended
5. Schedule to Act 601 amended

*Public Holidays (Amendment) Bill, 2018*

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**BILL**  
ENTITLED

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2018**

AN ACT to amend the Public Holidays Act, 2001 (Act 601) to provide for the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August and the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September as statutory public holidays and for related matters.

**Passed** by Parliament and assented to by the President:

**Short Title to Act 601 amended**

1. The Public Holidays Act, 2001 (Act 601) referred to in this Act as the “principal enactment” is amended by the substitution for the Short Title, of “Public Holidays and Commemorative Days Act, 2001 (Act 601)”.

**Section 1 of Act 601 amended**

2. The principal enactment is amended in section 1 by the insertion before the word “Schedule”, of “First”.

**Section 4A inserted**

3. The principal enactment is amended by the insertion after section 4, of

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**“Commemorative days**

**4A.** A day specified in the Second Schedule shall be celebrated as a commemorative day.”.

**Section 7 of Act 601 amended**

**4.** The principal enactment is amended by the substitution for section 7, of

**“ Interpretation**

**7.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,

“commemorative day” means a day other than a statutory public holiday which is set aside in remembrance of an important person or an important event in the past; and

“shop” includes a store or any premises for the sale of goods.”.

**Schedule to Act 601 amended**

**5.** The principal enactment is amended by the substitution for the Schedule of,

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**“FIRST SCHEDULE**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

*(section 1)*

New Year's Day (1<sup>st</sup> January)  
Constitution Day (7<sup>th</sup> January)  
Independence Day (6<sup>th</sup> March)  
Good Friday  
Easter Monday  
Eid-al-Adha Festival (Hajj)  
Eid-al-Fitr (Ramadan)  
Workers' Day (1<sup>st</sup> May)  
Founders' Day (4<sup>th</sup> August)  
Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Day (21<sup>st</sup> September)  
Farmers Day (1<sup>st</sup> Friday in December)  
Christmas Day (25<sup>th</sup> December)  
Boxing Day (26<sup>th</sup> December)