

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

**BILL FOR THE
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT)
ACT NO. OF 2025**

Explanatory Note

This Bill amends the Public Holidays Act [CAP 114] (“the Act”).

After the 7.3 magnitude earthquake on December 17th of 2024, the Government aims to implement strong economic recovery policies. In implementing this economic recovery policies, the Government has engaged in dialogue with the private sectors who are pivotal in this economic recovery effort.

After this dialogue, the Government understands that a productive workforce is important for economic recovery. However, one of the challenges faced in ensuring that there is a productive workforce in place, is the high number of public holidays and their effect on businesses and services.

These amendments will increase business confidence, improve Government service delivery, and provide a positive long-term impact on the economy of our country.

Prime Minister



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An Act to amend the Pubic Holidays Act [CAP 114].

Be it enacted by the President and Parliament as follows-

1 Amendment

The Pubic Holidays Act [CAP 114] is amended as set out in the Schedule.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which it is published in the Gazette.

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS OF PUBIC HOLIDAYS ACT [CAP 114]

1 Section 3

Repeal the section.

2 Schedule

- (a) Delete “Lini Day”, substitute “National Leaders Day”
- (b) Delete “Children’s National Day (24 July)”
- (c) Delete “National Unity Day (29 November)”
- (d) After “Independence Day”, insert “National Unity Day (30 July)”
- (e) After “Family Day”, insert “Children’s National Day (26 December)”