

MEMORANDUM BY THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS.

The attached is a Bill to amend the Public Holidays Ordinance, Chapter 55. Its object is to abolish the Sovereign's birthday from being observed as a public holiday.

The necessity of the amendments covered by this Bill has arisen from Governments's decision to abolish permanently three public holidays one of which, namely the Sovereign's birthday, was a statutory holiday.

The Bill in question has been prepared at the request of the Administrative Secretary, which request has been conveyed through a letter-minute forming part of Papers marked LGO/3779/42/Vol.11.

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AN ACT further to amend the Public Holidays Ordinance, Cap. 55.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives of Malta, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Short title. 1. This Act may be cited as the Public Holidays (Amendment) Act, 1966, and shall be read and construed as one with the Public Holidays Ordinance, hereinafter referred to as "the principal law".

Amendment of section 2 of the principal law. 2. In section 2 of the principal law, for the words "Good Friday and the birthday of the Sovereign shall also be kept as public holidays" there shall be substituted the words "Good Friday shall also be kept as a public holiday".

Amendment of section 5 of the principal law. 3. In section 5 of the principal law, the words "or that the public holiday to celebrate the Sovereign's birthday shall be observed on a day other than that of the anniversary of the Sovereign's birth" shall be deleted.

Amendment of section 6 of the principal law. 4. In section 6 of the principal law, the words "and, in the case mentioned in the last part of the last preceding section, the notice shall be published at least seven days before the Sovereign's birthday" shall be deleted.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object of this Bill is to abolish the Sovereign's birthday from being observed as a public holiday.