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A **LAW** to make provision for public holidays and bank holidays and for matters incidental thereto

Commencement [[see endnotes](#)]

1 Definitions

- (1) In this Law –
 - “business day” means any day other than Christmas Day, Good Friday, a Sunday or a bank holiday;
 - “normal banking hours”, in relation to a bank, means the hours of any business day during which that bank is normally open.²
- (2) In this Law references to “open” or “closed” in relation to a bank are references to the opening or closing as the case may be of that part of the premises occupied by that bank to which the public are normally admitted for the transaction of banking business with the public.³

2 Power of States to appoint days to be observed as public holidays and bank holidays

- (1) The States may by Act appoint the days of the year which are to be observed as public holidays or bank holidays, and any such Act may relate to the same day in each year or to any day in any year.
- (2) Every day appointed by such an Act as aforesaid to be observed as a public holiday shall also be observed as a bank holiday, unless provision otherwise be made by the Act.

3 Banks to be closed on bank holidays⁴

Subject to the provisions of any Order made under Article 4, a bank shall not open on a bank holiday.

4 Orders with respect to the opening and closing of banks⁵

- (1) The Minister for Sustainable Economic Development may by Order, where he or she considers it expedient to do so in view of particular circumstances, require or permit any bank –
 - (a) to be open –
 - (i) on a bank holiday or any other day that is not a business day, or
 - (ii) on a business day outside normal banking hours; or
 - (b) to be closed during normal banking hours,
for such period of time as may be specified in the Order.⁶
- (2) Orders made under this Article may make different provision for different cases or circumstances.
- (3) ⁷

5 Offences⁸

- (1) A person who –
 - (a) contravenes Article 3; or
 - (b) contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of an Order made under Article 4,shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine.
- (2) Where an offence under this Law committed by a limited liability partnership or body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of –
 - (a) a person who is a partner of the partnership, or director, manager, secretary or other similar officer of the body corporate; or
 - (b) any person purporting to act in any such capacity,the person shall also be guilty of the offence and liable in the same manner as the partnership or body corporate to the penalty provided for that offence.
- (3) Where the affairs of a body corporate are managed by its members, paragraph (2) shall apply in relation to acts and defaults of a member in connection with the member's functions of management as if the member were a director of the body corporate.
- (4) Any person who aids, abets, counsels or procures the commission of an offence under this Law shall also be guilty of the offence and liable in the same manner as a principal offender to the penalty provided for that offence.

6 Provisions as to bills and other instruments due and payable on bank holidays

All bills of exchange, promissory notes and other instruments due and payable on a bank holiday shall be payable, and in case of non-payment may be noted and protested, on the business day next following that bank holiday, and any such noting or protest shall be as valid as if made on the day on which the bill, note or other instrument was made due and payable.

7 Provisions as to notice of dishonour and presentation for honour

Where the day on which any notice of dishonour of an unpaid bill of exchange or promissory note or other unpaid instrument should be given, or where the day on which a bill of exchange, promissory note or other instrument should be presented or received for acceptance, or accepted or forwarded to any referee or referees, is a bank holiday, such notice of dishonour shall be given and such bill of exchange, promissory note or other instrument shall be presented or forwarded on the business day next following that bank holiday.

8 Provisions as to payment on bank holidays

No person shall be compellable to make any payment or to do any act on a bank holiday which the person would not be compellable to make or do on Christmas Day or Good Friday; and the obligation to make such payment or do such act shall apply to the business day next following that bank holiday and the making of such payment or the doing of such act on such business day as aforesaid shall be equivalent to payment of the money or performance of the act on that bank holiday.

9 Sittings of Royal Court

The power to make rules of court under the [Royal Court \(Jersey\) Law 1948](#), shall include a power to make rules prescribing the days on which the Royal Court may or may not sit.

10 Citation

This Law may be cited as the Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Law 1951.

ENDNOTES

Table of Legislation History

Legislation	Year and No	Commencement
Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Law 1951	L.6/1951	5 May 1951 (Article 9, 2 February 1952, R&O.3038)
Public Holiday and Bank Holidays (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 1956	L.16/1956	23 June 1956
Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Law 2003	L.7/2003	10 January 2003
Transfer of Functions (Economic Development Committee) (Jersey) Act 2003	R&O.101/2003	14 October 2003
States of Jersey (Amendments and Construction Provisions No. 4) (Jersey) Regulations 2005	R&O.44/2005	9 December 2005
States of Jersey (Transfer of Functions No. 8) (Miscellaneous Transfers) (Jersey) Regulations 2015	R&O.158/2015	1 January 2016
Legislation (Jersey) Law 2021	L.8/2021 (R&O.112/2021)	28 September 2021
States of Jersey (Ministerial Offices – Minister for Sustainable Economic Development) Order 2023	R&O.102/2023	24 November 2023

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9	spent, omitted from this revised edition
10(1)	10
(2)	spent, omitted from this revised edition

Table of Endnote References

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- ¹ *This Law has been amended by the States of Jersey (Amendments and Construction Provisions No. 4) (Jersey) Regulations 2005. The amendments replace all references to a Committee of the States of Jersey with a reference to a Minister of the States of Jersey, and remove and add defined terms appropriately, consequentially upon the move from a committee system of government to a ministerial system of government*
- ² *Article 1(1) substituted by L.16/1956, amended by L.7/2003
definition “normal banking hours” substituted by L.7/2003*
- ³ *Article 1(2) inserted by L.7/2003*
- ⁴ *Article 3 substituted by L.7/2003*
- ⁵ *Article 4 substituted by L.7/2003*
- ⁶ *Article 4(1) amended by R&O.158/2015, R&O.102/2023*
- ⁷ *Article 4(3) deleted by L.8/2021*
- ⁸ *Article 5 inserted by L.16/1956, substituted by L.7/2003*