

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
(No. 14 of 2005)

I assent,

Beretitenti
Assented 30/12/2005

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE.

Commencement:
2005

MADE by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the Beretitenti.

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Public Holidays (Amendment) Act 2005.

2. New section 9

The *Public Holidays Ordinance* (Cap.81) is amended after section 8 by inserting the following section -

"9. Amendment of Schedule

The Minister, acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet, may from time to time, by notice published in the *Gazette*, -

- (a) amend the Schedule; or
- (b) repeal the Schedule and substitute a new Schedule."

THE PUBLIC HOILDAYS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2005

EXPLANATORYMEMORANDUM

This short Act seeks to remedy problems that have been experienced in recent years with the fixing of public holidays. At present the Schedule of public holidays can only be changed through passage of amending legislation. This has led to an undesirable lack of flexibility.

Under the proposed section 9, the Minister, acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet, will have power to amend the Schedule simply by publishing a notice to that effect in the *Gazette*. The Minister will retain the power under section 6 to vary the days fixed as public holidays on an *ad hoc* basis. It is envisaged that section 9 will be used to fix public holidays on a general basis, with section 6 being used to make any variations as may be necessary from year to year.

Titabu Tabane
Attorney General
2 May 2005