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5 **CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION (AMENDMENT) (3)**
6 **(A) ACT 2016**

7 **A BILL FOR AN ACT** to amend the Constitutional Convention Act 2015, in order to
8 include additional proposals for the amendment of the Constitution of the Republic
9 of the Marshall Islands.

10 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS**

11 **§1. Short Title**

12 This Act may be cited as the Constitutional Convention (Amendment) (3)
13 (A) Act 2016.

14 **§2. Amendments**

15 (1) Schedule 1 of the Constitutional Convention Act, 2015 is further
16 amended by adding new Proposal 21 and to be inserted after
17 Proposal No. 20 to read as follows:

18 ““Proposal No. 21. – Article I, Section 4 (7): To amend Article I,
19 Section 4 (7) which gives legal protection of witnesses giving
20 evidence against himself, spouse, parent, child, or sibling, etc to read
21 as follows:

22 (7) No person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a
23 witness against himself, or against his spouse, parent, child, or
sibling, or to give testimonial evidence against any such
person whenever that evidence might directly or indirectly be

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used to obtain such person’s criminal conviction.
Provided however, where:

- (a) an allegation of violence is against the spouse or partner;
- (b) an allegation of violence against a person who was at the material time under the age of eighteen years;
- (c) an alleged sexual offence against a victim who was at the material time under the age below 18 years; or
- (d) the person is attempting, conspiring or aiding and abetting, counselling and procuring to commit the offences in the categories above.

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§3. Effective Date

This Act shall take effect on the date of certification in accordance with Article IV, Section 21 of the Constitution.

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BILL SUMMARY

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This Bill proposes to amend the Constitutional Convention Act 2015, in order to include as

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proposal for the following amendment to the Constitution to amend Article I, Section 4 (7)

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to give exception for which a witness can testify against their spouse, parent, child, sibling

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or others against their will.

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