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# CRIMINAL CODE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2023

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**CRIMINAL CODE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2023**

**A BILL FOR AN ACT** to amend Title 31, Chapter 1 in order to re-insert the crime of libel and slander

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

**§101. Short title.**

This Act may be cited as the Criminal Code (Amendment) Act, 2023.

**§102. Amendment.**

Section 252.7 of the Criminal Code is hereby amended by inserting a new section as follows.

§252.7A. Libel; Defined; punishment

Every person who shall unlawfully, wilfully, and maliciously, speak, write, print, or in any other manner publish material which exposes another person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule, shall be guilty of criminal libel, and shall upon Conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding \$500, or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding six (6) months, or both.

**§103. Effective Date.**

This Bill, and all Acts contained herein, shall take effect in accordance with the Constitution and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.



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**BILL SUMMARY**

This Bill proposes to amend the Criminal to reinstate the offense of criminal libel. Any unlawfully, wilfully, and maliciously, speak, write, print, or in any other manner publish material which exposes another person to hatred, contempt, or ridicule amounts to criminal offense of libel

The offense has been classified in the earlier criminal code but was removed in 2011 on the enactment of the Criminal Code in 2011.


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