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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend Title 39 Chapter 2 of the MIRC in order to provide for Iroj of Jebrik to exercise the rights, powers and authority of Irojlaplap

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

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§101. Short title.

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This Act may be cited as the Customary Law (Restoration) Act, 2024.

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§102. Amendment.

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Section 202(2) of the Customary Law (Restoration) Act of 1986 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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§202. Invalidating of certain decision.

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- (1) The decision of the High Court of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in the case of L. Levi, et. al., v. Kumtak, et. al, specified as Combined Civil Action No. 1, is hereby declared null and void, and any rights, titles or interest deriving therefrom are of no force or avail in law unless the same be in conformity with the rules of customary law applicable thereto, any changes made by the Japanese Administration to the contrary notwithstanding.
- (2) No person or body of persons recognized in pursuance of the said decision shall after the date of commencement of this Chapter assert or exercise any title, right or power of

1 Iroijlaplap with respect to the subject matter thereof which
2 may be asserted or exercised by only such person as shall be
3 entitled thereto according to the rules of customary law.

4 Provided, however, that nothing in the provisions of this
5 Subsection shall be construed as preventing the Iroj of Jebdrik,
6 ~~Alaps, and Dri Jerbals from jointly asserting or~~ from exercising
7 Iroijlaplap rights or powers or authorities with respect to any
8 piece of land to which they are so entitled, ~~until a final~~
9 ~~determination is made as to the question of Iroijlaplap.~~

10 **§103. Effective Date**

11 This Act shall take effect on the date of certification in accordance with
12 Article IV, Section 21 of the Constitution.
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4 **BILL SUMMARY**

5 This Bill proposes to provide for Irojiedrik of Jebrik to exercise the rights, powers
6 and authority of Irojilaplap with respect to any piece of land to which they are so
7 entitled.

8 The Bill removes the current language which requires the Irojiedrik, alab and senior
9 dri jermal to jointly asserting the right other than by the Irojiedrik asserting the
10 rights, powers and authorities by him or herself.
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