

**THE MATRIMONIAL CAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL,
2024**

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Matrimonial Causes Act, 2007, so as to revise the grounds on which a marriage is considered to be void.

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Attorney-General

N.A.B. 5, 2024
1st March, 2024

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Matrimonial Causes Act, 2007.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Matrimonial Causes (Amendment) Act, 2024, and shall be read as one with the Matrimonial Causes Act 2007, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title

Act No. 20 of 2007

2. Section 2(1) is amended by the insertion of the following new definition in the appropriate place:

Amendment of section 2

“child” has the meaning assigned to the word in the constitution;

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3. Section 27(1)(a) of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of paragraph (ii) and the substitution therefor of the following:

Amendment of section 27

(ii) either party to the marriage was a child at the time the marriage was celebrated;

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