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**OBJECTS AND REASONS**

This Bill would amend the *Sexual Offences Act*, Cap. 154 to provide for the circumstances under which the offence of rape is committed by a husband against his wife.

*Arrangement of Sections*

1. Short title
2. Amendment to section 3 of Cap. 154

## **BARBADOS**

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Sexual Offences Act*, Cap. 154 to provide for the circumstances under which the offence of rape is committed by a husband against his wife.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act, 2016*.

**Amendment to section 3 of Cap. 154**

2. *Section 3 of the Sexual Offences Act, Cap. 154 is amended by deleting subsection (4) and substituting the following:*

“(4) A husband commits the offence of rape where he has sexual intercourse with his wife without her consent by force or fear, where he knows that she does not consent to the intercourse or is reckless as to whether she consents to the intercourse.”.

Read three times and passed the House of Assembly this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**Speaker**

Read three times and passed the Senate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
, 2016.

**President**