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# Administration of Justice (Protection) Bill

### Bill No. 23/2016.

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# **ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (PROTECTION) ACT 2016**

# (No. of 2016)

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