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Chinese Taiwan unveils Asia's first draft law on same-sex marriage

中国台湾地区公布亚洲首部“同性婚姻法”草案

unveil/ʌn'veɪl/: v. 公布，将...公诸于众

词根词缀：un- (否定)

相关词汇：veil (n. 面纱；遮蔽物)

draft/dræft/: n. 草图，草稿；v. 起草

搭配短语：draft law 草案

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周四，中国台湾地区提出了一项允许同性婚姻的“专法”草案，该“法案”为亚洲首例。

bill/bɪl/: n. 议案，法案；账单

搭配短语：an electricity bill 电费单

搭配短语：draft bill: 草案

The draft law would give same-sex couples similar legal protections for marriage as **heterosexuals**, but marriage in civil law would remain defined as between a man and woman. Chinese Taiwan's **parliament** is expected to vote on the draft bill by late May, a **deadline** for **legislation** set by the constitutional court in May 2017 when it ruled that same-sex couples had the right to legally marry.

这项“专法”草案将为同性伴侣提供与异性恋者相似的婚姻法律保护。但是，在中国台湾“民法”中，婚姻仍将被定义为一男性和一女性之间的关系。中国台湾地区“立法院”应在 5 月底之前，就该项规定草案进行投票表决。这一“立法”的截止日期是在 2017 年 5 月设定的。当月，“司法院”判定，同性伴侣有权合法结婚。

heterosexual /ˌhetərə'sekʃuəl/: n. 异性恋者；adj. 异性恋的

词根词缀：hetero- (其他的, 不同的)

反义词：homosexual (/ˌhɒmə(ʊ)'sekʃuəl/): n. 同性恋者；adj. 同性恋的

parliament /'pɑ:ləm(ə)nt/: n. 议会

deadline /'dedlaɪn/: n. 最后期限, 截止时间

legislation /ˌledʒɪs'leɪʃn/: n. 制定法律；立法

英文释义：the process of making and passing laws

constitutional court: 立法院

constitutional /ˌkɒnstɪ'tu:ʃənəl/: adj. 宪法的, 和宪法有关的

词性拓展：constitution (n. 宪法)

However, the legislation was criticised by rights activists and conservative groups amid a heated debate over marriage equality.

然而，在关于婚姻平权的激烈讨论中，该项法规受到同性恋权益积极分子和保守派团体的批评。

rights activists: 维权人士

activist /'æktɪvɪst/: n. 激进主义分子, 积极分子

搭配短语：an animal rights activist

conservative /kən'sɜ:rvətɪv/: adj. 保守的, 守旧的

a heated debate over ...: 有关...激烈的争论

a heated debate 同义词：a heated discussion

相关词汇：heated argument

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中国台湾地区“婚姻平权大平台”的总召集人吕欣洁称，这项草案并未给予同性伴侣完全的法律保障。她承认中国台湾当局受到了来自四面八方的压力，但表示积极分子们将继续为平权而奋斗。

coordinator: n. 协调人

相关词汇：coordinate: v. 协调

相关词汇：coordination: n. 协调

coalition/ˌkoʊəˈlɪʃn/: n. 联盟，同盟，联合体

词根词缀：co-（共同，联合）

搭配短语：a coalition of environmental and consumer groups

acknowledge: v. 承认

Conservative groups that opposed same-sex marriage during the **referendum** said they will fight the draft bill too. The Coalition for the Happiness of Our Next Generation on Thursday called the draft “unacceptable”.

在全民公投中反对同性婚姻的保守派团体表示，他们也将继续反对该项草案。“下一代幸福联盟”组织在周四称该项草案“令人无法接受”。

referendum/ˌrefəˈrendəm/: n. （就重大政治或社会问题进行的）全民公决，全民公投

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尽管积极分子们称针对同性婚姻单独“立法”具有歧视色彩，但一位当局官员说该“法案”是对公投结果的尊重。

discriminatory/dɪˈskrɪmɪnətɔːri/: adj. 歧视性的，区别对待的

词性拓展：discriminate (v. 歧视); discrimination (n. 歧视)

搭配短语：discriminatory hiring practices 歧视性的招聘做法

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friends can wait a bit longer," he said in a statement, "This might **fall short of** expectations, but after all it's a start."

该官员在一份声明中说道：“关于此项提案的争议是在我们预料之中的，但我恳切地希望我们的同志们能再耐心等等。目前的情况可能无法达到大家的预期，但它毕竟是一个开端。”

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controversy /'kɒntrəvɜːrsi/：n. 争议，争论

搭配短语：fierce/heated/bitter controversy 激烈的争议

搭配短语：to arouse/cause bitter controversy：引起激烈争论

搭配短语：to be the subject of much controversy：是很有争议的话题

词性拓展：controversial (adj. 有争议的)

controversial 例句：This law is controversial.

homosexual /ˌhoʊmə'sekʃuəl/：adj. 同性恋的

fall short of ...：未达到预期要求

英文释义：to fail to reach the standard that you expected or need

例句：Car sales for last month fell short of the industry's expectations.

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