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**BILLE NÁISIÚNTACHTA AGUS SAORÁNACHTA ÉIREANN  
(LEASÚ) (AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA) 2006  
IRISH NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP (AMENDMENT)  
(AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA) BILL 2006**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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*General*

The purpose of this Bill is to provide an entitlement for all members of an Garda Síochána to acquire Irish citizenship. This is desirable in that it will allow foreign nationals who wish to join an Garda Síochána to join as Irish citizens, thereby enjoying all the same rights and protection as other Irish citizens enjoy.

*Section 1* contains the short title of the Bill.

*Section 2* defines the terms ‘the Principal Act’ and ‘Member’ in terms of an Garda Síochána.

*Section 3* amends the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 to create the entitlement to acquire citizenship for all members of an Garda Síochána, irrespective of rank.

*Na Seanadóirí Brian Ó hAodha, Muiris Ó Cuimín agus Ulick Burke,  
Iúil, 2006.*