



AN BILLE UM THRÁCHT AR BHÓITHRE, 2013
ROAD TRAFFIC BILL 2013

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

General

The purpose of the Bill is to make it an indictable offence for the driver of a vehicle involved in a road traffic accident to leave the scene of the accident in circumstances where a person is injured. The Bill extends the power of arrest of An Garda Síochána to include all hit and run road traffic accidents, regardless of whether or not a personal injury is involved.

Section 1

Definitions.

Section 2

This section creates a new indictable offence for all hit and run road traffic accidents in circumstances where a person sustains personal injury. The punishment for this offence is a fine of up to €5,000 or a prison sentence of up to 10 years or to both.

Section 3

This section extends the power of arrest of An Garda Síochána to arrest without warrant, the driver of a vehicle involved in a hit and run road traffic accident, regardless of whether or not a person is injured.

Section 4

This section makes provision to allow the Minister to make regulations pursuant to the Act.

Deputy Timmy Dooley,
May, 2013.