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**AN BILLE UM FHORBAIRT PRÍOSÚIN (RÚIN A  
DHAINGNIÚ), 2013**  
**PRISON DEVELOPMENT (CONFIRMATION OF  
RESOLUTIONS) BILL 2013**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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*Purpose of the Bill*

The purpose of the Bill is to confirm the resolutions of Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann under section 26 of the Prisons Act 2007 approving of the development of a new prison in Cork on a site adjacent to the existing prison.

*Provisions of the Bill*

*Section 1* provides that the resolutions approving of the development of a prison on a portion of the site used as Cork Prison, in the townland of Rathmore and city of Cork, passed by Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann on 18 June 2013 are confirmed.

Section 26 of the Prisons Act 2007 provides that where the Minister for Justice and Equality decides to proceed with a prison development to which Part 4 of that Act applies, a resolution of each House of the Oireachtas approving of the proposed development is required.

On 30 June 2012, the Minister issued a direction (S.I. No. 240 of 2012) that Part 4 of the Act shall apply to the proposed prison development in Cork.

An Act of the Oireachtas confirming the Dáil and Seanad resolutions is required before the development can proceed. This Bill provides that confirmation.

*Section 2* provides for the short title of the Act.

*An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais,  
Meitheamh, 2013.*