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Bill

entitled

An Act to provide the extension of the functions of the Commission for Energy Regulation to ensure compliance, by electricity and gas suppliers, with a code of practice relating to disconnection of domestic energy by electricity and gas suppliers to household customers, and to provide for related matters. 5

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Definitions 10

1. In this Act—

“Commission” means Commission for Energy Regulation;

“Minister” means Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.

Code of Practice on Billing and Disconnection by Household Energy Suppliers

2. The Electricity Regulation Act 1999 (as amended), is hereby amended by the insertion of a new section 9A as follows: 15

“9A. (1) The Commission shall, following consultation with the Minister, draw up a code of practice, incorporating each of the requirements specified in chapter 6 of the Commission of Energy Regulation’s ‘Electricity and Natural Gas Supplier Handbook 2012’ in respect of domestic household customer billing and disconnection. 20

(2) It shall be the duty of the Commission to ensure compliance with the code of practice drawn up under subsection (1) by electricity and gas suppliers.

(3) A person who fails to comply with the code of practice is guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €3,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both. 25

(4) Summary proceedings for an offence under this section may be brought and prosecuted by the Commission.”. 30

Offence

3. Where an offence under *section 2* has been committed by a body corporate and is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of a person being a director, manager, secretary or other officer of the body corporate, or a person who was purporting to act in any such capacity, that person, as well as the body corporate, shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to be proceeded against and punished as if he or she were guilty of the first-mentioned offence. 5

Regulations

4. (1) The Minister may make regulations for the general purpose of this Act and may, by regulation, provide for any matter referred to in this Act as prescribed or to be prescribed. 10
- (2) Every regulation under this Act shall be laid before each House of the Oireachtas as soon as may be after it is made and, if a resolution annulling the regulation is passed by either such House within the next 21 days on which that House has sat after the regulation is laid before it, the regulation shall be annulled accordingly but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under the regulation. 15
- (3) Regulations under this Act may contain such incidental, supplementary and consequential provisions as appear to the Minister to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the regulations.

Short title, collective citation and commencement 20

5. (1) This Act may be cited as the Energy Regulation (Code of Practice) Act 2013.
- (2) The Electricity Regulation Acts 1999 and 2000, the Gas (Interim) (Regulation) Act 2002 and this Act may be cited together as the Electricity and Gas Regulation Acts 1999 to 2013, and shall be read together as one.
- (3) This Act shall come into operation on such day or days as may be fixed by order or orders of the Minister. 25

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Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le feidhmeanna an choimisiúin um rialáil fuinnimh a leathnú chun a chinntiú go gcomhlíonfaidh soláthraithe leictreachais agus gáis cód cleachtais a bhaineann le soláthraithe leictreachais agus gáis do dhícheangal fuinneamh tís chuig custaiméirí teaghlaigh agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

An Teachta Micheál Ó Muineacháin a thug isteach,
10 Deireadh Fómhair, 2013

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