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**An Bille um Údarás Náisiúnta Forbartha Turasóireachta  
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National Tourism Development Authority (Amendment)  
Bill 2015**

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*Meabhrán Mínitheach  
Explanatory Memorandum*

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**Purpose of the Bill**

The main purpose of the Bill is to provide the statutory basis to allow the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, with the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, to increase the aggregate level of advances that may be made to the National Tourism Development Authority ( Fáilte Ireland), out of capital monies provided by the Oireachtas, for the purpose of supporting enterprises and projects relating to the development of tourist traffic and the development of tourist facilities and services.

*Section 1* amends section 24(1) of the National Tourism Development Authority Act 2003 (as previously amended in 2011) by updating the reference in the Act to "the consent of the Minister for Finance" to "the consent of the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform". It also amends section 24(2) to provide that the aggregate level of advances that may be made to the Authority, out of the capital monies provided by the Oireachtas, for the purpose of supporting enterprises and projects relating to the development of tourist traffic and the development of tourist facilities and services is increased from €150,000,000 to €300,000,000.

*Section 2* contains standard provisions regarding short title and collective citation with the Tourist Traffic Acts 1939 to 2011.

**Financial and Staffing Implications**

There are no direct budgetary or financial implications in the proposals contained in this Bill. It is an enabling provision and the annual capital allocation to Fáilte Ireland will be determined through the annual Budgetary process. There are no staffing implications.

*An Roinn Iompair, Turasóireachta agus Spóirt,  
Deireadh Fómhair, 2015.*