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Mental Health Act 2001 (No. 25)



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# **Bill**

*entitled*

An Act to provide that all children must be admitted to child appropriate inpatient psychiatric units and providing that no child shall be admitted to an adult psychiatric inpatient unit (voluntarily or involuntarily) save in exceptional circumstances where such admission is in the child's best interests. 5

**Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:**

## **Definition**

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1. In this Act "Principal Act" means the Mental Health Act 2001.

## **Amendment of section 14 of Mental Health Act 2001**

2. Section 14 of the Principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following section:

**"14A.** (1) This section applies in respect of any person who has not attained the age of 18 years who is detained either voluntarily pursuant to section 23(2) or involuntarily pursuant to section 25. 15

(2) No admission order shall be made in respect of a child under the age of eighteen to an adult inpatient unit save in exceptional circumstances where it is in his or her best interests to do so.

(3) Where a child is admitted to an adult inpatient unit he or she shall be accommodated in an area separate from adults in an age-appropriate environment with age-appropriate facilities." 20

## **Short title and commencement**

3. (1) This Act may be cited as the Mental Health (Amendment) Act 2016.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister for Health may appoint by order or orders either generally or with reference to any particular purpose or provision and different days may be so appointed for different purposes or different provisions. 25

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# BILLE

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*dá ngairtear*

Acht do dhéanamh socrú gur gá gach leanbh a ligean isteach in aonaid shíciatracha d'othair chónaithe atá cuí le haghaidh leanaí agus do dhéanamh socrú nach ligfear aon leanbh isteach in aonad síciatrach d'othair chónaithe le haghaidh aosach (dá dheoin nó dá deoin, nó dá ainneoin nó dá hainneoin) ach amháin in imthosca eisceachtúla inarb é leas an linbh é an ligean isteach sin a dhéanamh.

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*Na Seanadóirí Joan Freeman, Gearóid Ó  
Creachmhaoil agus Marie-Louise Ní Dhomhnaill a  
thug isteach,*

*13 Nollaig, 2016*

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*Introduced by Senators Joan Freeman, Gerard P.  
Craughwell and Marie-Louise O'Donnell,*

*13th December, 2016*

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