



**An Bille um Thoirmeasc ar Pheitiriam i dTír Mór a Thaiscéaladh agus a
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Bill

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entitled

An Act to provide for the prohibition of the exploration and extraction of petroleum from shale rock, tight sands and coal seams in the Irish onshore and Ireland's internal waters.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

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Interpretation

1. In this Act—

“coal seams” means a layer or stratum of mineral coal;

“Irish onshore and Ireland's internal waters” means all the land comprising the Republic of Ireland and its onshore lakes, rivers and streams;

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“petroleum” includes any mineral oil or relative hydrocarbon and natural gas and other liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons and their derivatives or constituent substances existing in its natural condition in strata which can be extracted and refined to produce fuels including petrol, paraffin, oil, diesel, liquid natural gas or natural gas;

“shale rock” means a fine-grained sedimentary rock that forms from the compaction of silt and clay-size mineral particles which readily splits into thin pieces along its laminations and which contains organic material that sometimes breaks down to form natural gas or oil;

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“tight sands” are low permeability sandstone reservoirs that produce primarily dry natural gas. A tight gas reservoir is one that cannot be produced without assistance from stimulation treatments to increase permeability to aid extraction.

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Prohibition

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act of the Oireachtas, no Minister, Agency, Planning Authority or Body acting on behalf of the State shall grant an authorisation and/or grant of any consent, licence, permit, lease or undertaking for the exploration or extraction of petroleum from shale rock, tight sands or coal seams in the Irish onshore and Ireland's internal waters.

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Short title

3. This Act may be cited as the Prohibition of the Exploration and Extraction of Onshore Petroleum Act 2016.

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dá ngairtear

Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le toirmeasc ar pheitriliam a thaiscéaladh agus a astarraingt as leaca scealla, gaineamhchlocha teanna agus síoga guail i dtír mór na hÉireann agus in uiscí inmheánacha na hÉireann.

*An Teachta Antoine Mac Lochlainn a thug isteach,
8 Meitheamh, 2016*

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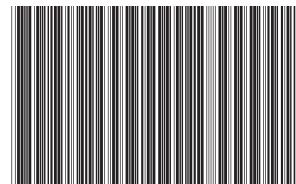
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*Introduced by Deputy Tony McLoughlin,
8th June, 2016*

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