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**Purpose of Bill**

The purpose of the Bill is to amend section 10 of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 and to provide for related matters.

**Main Provisions of Bill**

*Amendment of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006*

*Section 1* of the Bill amends section 10 of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 to continue to assert Ireland's exclusive right to fish within the exclusive fishery limits of the State by maintaining previous provisions but also explicitly provides for access to fish by sea-fishing boats owned and operated in Northern Ireland within 0 - 6 nautical miles of the baseline of the State's exclusive fishery limits. The Bill further provides that the Northern Ireland sea-fishing boats will be subject to the same obligations as an Irish sea-fishing boat while availing of the access conferred by the Bill in keeping with the reciprocal Voisinage arrangements for fishing between Ireland and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom.

*Section 2* of the Bill provides for citation and collective citation and subsection (4) allows that the amendment of the Act will be commenced by the Minister by Order.

**Financial Implications**

As the Bill seeks to continue pre-existing arrangements there are no financial implications for the Exchequer arising from this Bill.

*An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara,  
Márta, 2019.*