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GREYHOUND RACING BILL 2018 —SELECT COMMITTEE

Leasuithe Amendments

SECTION 2

1. In page 9, between lines 17 and 18, to insert the following:

“ “white list” means the annual list prepared by welfare members of the International Greyhound Forum in conjunction with Rásaíocht Con Éireann of countries, which at its sole discretion, meet minimum standards with regard to welfare of greyhounds, and to which the licensed export of greyhounds from the State ought to be permissible.”.

—Maureen O'Sullivan, Thomas Pringle, Mick Wallace, Clare Daly.

SECTION 9

2. In page 12, between lines 24 and 25, to insert the following:

“(a) one or more shall be a representative of authorised private greyhound tracks,
(b) one or more shall be a representative of greyhound owners and breeders,
(c) one or more shall be a representative of public greyhound trainers,
(d) one or more shall be a representative of private greyhound trainers.”.

—Jackie Cahill.

3. In page 12, line 25, to delete “(a) one” and substitute “(e) one”.

—Jackie Cahill.

4. In page 12, line 27, to delete “(b) one” and substitute “(f) one”.

—Jackie Cahill.

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5. In page 25, between lines 13 and 14, to insert the following:

“Export of Greyhounds

26. (1) It shall be an offence for a person to—

- (a) export,
- (b) attempt to export, or
- (c) assist another person in the export or attempted export,

of a greyhound to a non-EU country which is not included in the white list which has been prescribed by the Minister.

(2) It shall be an offence for a person to—

- (a) export,
- (b) attempt to export, or
- (c) assist another person in the export or attempted export,

of a greyhound to a non-EU country which is included in the white list which has been prescribed by the Minister for the purpose of subsequently transferring such greyhound to a country not so included and unless that person holds an export licence which has been granted pursuant to *section 31(1)*.

(3) A person who commits an offence under *subsection (1)* or *(2)* is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding €5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both,
- (b) on conviction on indictment to a fine of €100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.”.

—Maureen O’Sullivan, Thomas Pringle, Mick Wallace, Clare Daly.

6. In page 25, between lines 13 and 14, to insert the following:

“List of countries to which export is permissible

26. (1) On 1 January 2020 and annually thereafter, the Minister shall prescribe by regulation a list of non-EU countries which meet minimum standards with regard to the welfare of greyhounds, and to which the licensed export of greyhounds from the State may be permissible.

(2) In making regulations under *subsection (1)*, consideration shall be given to the following factors—

- (a) the past record of the relevant country relating to the welfare of greyhounds and the welfare of animals more generally,
- (b) the existence in the relevant country of enforceable welfare protections for greyhounds which are equivalent to the protections available in the State,

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- (c) the monitoring and enforcement in the relevant country of the welfare protections referred to in *paragraph (b)*, and
- (d) the standards of care and management to which the greyhounds are likely to be subjected to in the relevant country.”.

—Maureen O’Sullivan, Thomas Pringle, Mick Wallace, Clare Daly.

7. In page 25, line 16, after “insemination” to insert “, frozen semen insemination and natural service”.

—Jackie Cahill.

8. In page 26, to delete lines 5 and 6 and substitute the following:

“(m) the use of semen derived from deceased greyhound sires would be limited to 75 per cent of the maximum number set under *paragraph (l)* for live greyhound sires;”.

—Jackie Cahill.

SECTION 27

9. In page 28, between lines 16 and 17, to insert the following:

“(5) The Minister shall lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas a report following the end of each calendar year which will include details of breaches of substance regulations in respect of which a racing sanction has been imposed.”.

—Jackie Cahill.

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10. In page 29, between lines 29 and 30, to insert the following:

“Reporting on export of greyhounds

30. The Minister, in consultation with the Board, shall produce and lay before the appropriate Joint Oireachtas Committee an annual report following the end of each calendar year, which shall include the following:

- (a) the number of greyhounds exported from the State in the preceding calendar year;
- (b) a list of every country to which greyhounds have been exported from the State in the preceding calendar year; and
- (c) the given reasons for export.”.

—Maureen O’Sullivan, Thomas Pringle, Mick Wallace, Clare Daly.

SECTION 31

11. In page 30, between lines 3 and 4, to insert the following:

“(2) (a) The Minister may, at his/her discretion, grant or refuse to grant a licence for the purpose of the export of a greyhound to a country which is included on the current version of the white list on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the licence.

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- (b) The Minister may make regulations prescribing all aspects of the licence application process.”.

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