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## AN BILLE UM RÁSAÍOCHT CON, 2018 —AN COISTE

### GREYHOUND RACING BILL 2018 —COMMITTEE STAGE

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#### *Leasuithe Amendments*

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*\*Government amendments are denoted by an asterisk*

#### SECTION 1

- \*1. In page 7, line 19, to delete “to” and substitute “and”.
- \*2. In page 7, line 21, to delete “to” and substitute “and”.

#### SECTION 9

- 3. In page 12, between lines 20 and 21, to insert the following:

“(3) The membership of the Board shall include one or more than one veterinary practitioner of at least 5 years standing.”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

- 4. In page 12, between lines 23 and 24, to insert the following:

“(2) Of the ordinary members of the Board:

- (a) one shall be nominated for appointment thereto by such persons as the Minister considers to be representative of authorised independent greyhound tracks;
- (b) one shall be nominated for appointment thereto by such persons as the Minister considers to be representative of Greyhound Owners and Breeders; and
- (c) one shall be nominated for appointment thereto by such persons as the Minister considers to be representative of Greyhound Trainers.”.

—*Senator Paul Daly.*

#### SECTION 11

- \*5. In page 14, line 15, to delete “Board, a committee” and substitute “Board or a committee”.

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SECTION 15

- \*6. In page 17, lines 6 to 12, to delete all words from and including “(1) The” in line 6 down to and including line 12 and substitute the following:

“(1) The members of the Board may appoint an officer of the Board to be the chief executive of the Board.

(2) The chief executive officer shall—

- (a) carry on, manage and control generally the administration and business of the Board,
- (b) advise the members of the Board in relation to the performance of their functions, and
- (c) perform such other functions as may be determined by the members of the Board, as they consider necessary, for the efficient and effective operation of the greyhound industry, having regard to the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies.”.

SECTION 26

7. In page 25, line 5, to delete “may” and substitute “shall”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

8. In page 25, line 6, after “to” to insert “each of”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

SECTION 28

9. In page 28, line 8, to delete “may” and substitute “shall”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

10. In page 28, line 9, after “to” to insert “each of”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

SECTION 29

11. In page 29, line 2, after “Board” to insert “shall”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

12. In page 29, line 2, to delete “may”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

13. In page 29, line 3, after “to” to insert “each of”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

14. In page 29, line 6, to delete “or” and substitute “and”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

15. In page 29, line 14, to delete “injury.” and substitute the following:

“injury; and

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“(e) making provision for the health and welfare of a racing greyhound that has been retired by the owner.”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

16. In page 29, between lines 17 and 18, to insert the following:

“(1) A person who contravenes a regulation made under this section commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a class A fine.”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

SECTION 56

17. In page 48, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

**“Export of greyhounds**

56. (1) It shall be an offence for a person within the State to export, attempt to export or assist another person within the State in the export or attempted export, of a greyhound to a country which is not included in the white list prepared by the Minister in accordance with *subsection (2)*.

(2) The Minister shall publish a white list of countries which meet minimum standards with regard to the welfare of greyhounds and to which the licensed export of greyhounds from the State shall be permissible.

(3) When preparing the white list under *subsection (2)*, the Minister shall have regard to each of the following:

(a) the past record of the relevant country in relation to the welfare protections for 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;

(c) the monitoring and enforcement in the relevant country of the welfare protections 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.

(4) A person who is guilty of an offence under *subsection (1)* is liable on summary conviction to a class A fine.”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

18. In page 48, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

**“Secondary export of greyhounds**

56. (1) It shall be an offence for a person within the State to export, attempt to export, or assist another person in the export, or attempted export of a greyhound to a country included in the white list published in accordance with *section 56(2)#* for the purpose of subsequently transferring such a greyhound to a country not so included.

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- (2) A person who is guilty of an offence under *subsection (1)* is liable on summary conviction to a class A fine.”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

[#This is a reference to the subsection proposed to be inserted by an earlier amendment.]

19. In page 48, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

**“Reporting on export of greyhounds**

56. (1) The Minister shall produce and lay before the Houses of the Oireachtas a report following the end of each calendar year which will include:

- (a) the number of greyhounds exported from the State in the preceding 12 months;
- (b) a list of every country to which greyhounds have been exported from the State in the preceding 12 months; and
- (c) a summary of the standards with regard to the welfare of greyhounds in every country listed in *paragraph (b)* in as recent a time period as is practicable.

- (2) In preparing the report under *subsection (1)*, the Minister shall have regard to each of the following:

- (a) the past record of the relevant country in relation to the welfare protections for 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;
- (c) the monitoring and enforcement in the relevant country of the welfare protections 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.”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

SECTION 63

- \*20. In page 51, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

**“Power of authorised officer to make recordings for investigation, detection or prosecution of offences under Act of 2013**

63. Section 38 of the Act of 2013 is amended by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (5):

“(5A) An authorised officer may, when exercising a power under this section in relation to the investigation, detection or prosecution of an offence or suspected offence under this Act or where he or she considers his or her safety or security is or may be under threat, bring with him or her and make use of photographic, video, audio or other electronic devices or equipment to make recordings. The authorised officer shall, as soon

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as is practicable, inform any person concerned that the officer is using, has used or intends to use such devices or equipment. Any recording made shall include a record of the date and time of the recording.”.”.