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### GREYHOUND RACING BILL 2018 —REPORT

#### *Leasuithe Amendments*

*\*Government amendments are denoted by an asterisk*

1. In page 12, line 14, to delete “8 ordinary members” and substitute “6 ordinary members”.

*—Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

- \*2. In page 12, to delete lines 21 and 22.

- \*3. In page 12, to delete lines 26 to 34 and substitute the following:

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

(a) one or more than one shall be a veterinary practitioner of at least 5 years standing, and

(b) one or more than one shall be a person with a detailed knowledge of the greyhound industry.”.

4. In page 12, to delete lines 30 to 32 and substitute the following:

“(b) 2 members (one man and one woman) selected and nominated by the Irish Greyhound Owners & Breeders Federation for appointment; and”.

*—Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

- \*5. In page 12, line 35, to delete “(2) The chairperson” and substitute the following:

“(3) The chairperson”.

- \*6. In page 13, line 1, to delete “(3) Subject to” and substitute the following:

“(4) Subject to”.

- \*7. In page 13, line 3, to delete “(4) On the commencement” and substitute the following:

“(5) On the commencement”.

- \*8. In page 13, line 7, to delete “(5) A person” and substitute the following:

“(6) A person”.

- \*9. In page 13, line 9, to delete “(6) A member” and substitute the following:

“(7) A member”.

**\*10.** In page 13, line 12, to delete “(7) A member” and substitute the following:

“(8) A member”.

**\*11.** In page 13, line 17, to delete “(8) If a member” and substitute the following:

“(9) If a member”.

**\*12.** In page 13, line 21, to delete “(9) A person” and substitute the following:

“(10) A person”.

**\*13.** In page 13, line 26, to delete “(10) Where a member” and substitute the following:

“(11) Where a member”.

**14.** In page 13, lines 28 to 30, to delete all words from and including “the” in line 28 down to and including line 30 and substitute the following:

“the member shall, with immediate effect, vacate their Board position which will be immediately filled by the appointment of another person so that no vacancy arises.”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

**\*15.** In page 13, line 31, to delete “(11) The Board” and substitute the following:

“(12) The Board”.

**16.** In page 20, line 13, after “make” to insert “appropriate”.

—*Senators Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane.*

**\*17.** In page 22, lines 14 and 15, to delete “or where agreement has been reached with the other greyhound racing jurisdiction”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

**18.** In page 22, line 24, to delete “may” and substitute “shall”.

—*Senators Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane.*

**19.** In page 26, line 15, after “sires” to insert the following:

“, subject to a maximum service by any one sire to 120 in any one calendar year, in order to support young sires”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

**20.** In page 26, line 16, to delete “controlling or”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

**21.** In page 26, between lines 20 and 21, to insert the following:

“(2) The Board shall, within three months of enactment of this legislation, make regulation prohibiting to use of frozen semen for artificial insemination of greyhounds.”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

22. In page 26, line 34, to delete “may” and substitute “shall”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

23. In page 27, to delete lines 4 to 6 and substitute the following:

“(e) stringent prohibition, in line with best international practices, class A substances (drugs) that may be found in samples taken from a racing greyhound by reference to the substance and the nature of the sample taken from the greyhound;”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

24. In page 28, line 17, to delete “until” and substitute “for a minimum period of 120 days and until”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

25. In page 28, between lines 22 and 23, to insert the following:

“(4) In the case of *subsection (3)(a)*, the period of disqualification shall not be less than four months.”.

—*Senators Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane.*

26. In page 29, line 20, to delete “may” and substitute “shall”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

27. In page 29, line 20, after “make” to insert “appropriate”.

—*Senators Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane.*

\*28. In page 29, line 29, after “greyhounds” to insert the following:

“including to make provision for the rehoming of greyhounds at the end of their racing or breeding careers”.

29. In page 29, line in line 34 to delete “injury.” and substitute the following:

“injury;

“(f) making provision for the health and welfare of a racing greyhound that has been retired by its owner, breeder or trainer.”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

30. In page 30, line 25, after “approval.” to insert the following:

“Where the compliance issue relates to use of class A prohibited substances, the board shall suspend the licence, permit or approval for a minimum period of not less than 3 months.”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

31. In page 38, line 22, to delete “4 years” and substitute “3 years”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

32. In page 38, line 24, to delete “serve not more than 2” and substitute “not serve”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

33. In page 38, lines 27 and 28, to delete all words from and including “continue” down to including line 28 and substitute the following:

“, with immediate effect, vacate their Board position which will be immediately filled by the appointment of another person so that no vacancy arises.”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

34. In page 39, line 3, to delete “shall disclose any potential conflict of interest” and substitute the following:

“, including the chairperson, shall not have any potential conflict of interest, which would undermine their impartiality and objectivity, or the perception of impartiality and objectivity”.

—*Senator Senator Brian Ó Domhnaill, David Norris.*

\*35. In page 39, line 3, after “interest” to insert “in accordance with *section 12*”.

36. In page 48, between lines 25 and 26, to insert the following:

#### **“Export of greyhounds**

56. (1) It shall be an offence for a person within the State to export a greyhound to a country which is not included in the white list published by the Minister in accordance with *subsection (2)*.

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

(3) When preparing the white list under *subsection (2)*, the Minister shall have regard to 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)*;

(d) the standards of care and management to which the greyhounds are likely to be subjected to in the relevant country; and

(e) information relating to subsections a-d received during the public consultation in accordance with *subsection (6)*.

(4) Where the information specified in *subsection (3)* is not readily available after reasonable efforts have been made in relation to a specific country, the Minister shall

have discretion to include or exclude the relevant country from the white list based on the information that is available.

- (5) The Minister shall hold an annual public consultation while preparing the white list in accordance with *subsection (3)*.
- (6) 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, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

37. In page 48, between lines 25 and 26, to insert the following:

**“Reporting on export of greyhounds**

56. (1) 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) a summary of the standards in relation to the health and welfare of greyhounds in each country listed in accordance with *paragraph (b)* in as recent a time period as is practicable.”.

—*Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins.*