



**An Bille Loingis Cheannaíochta
(Taisní Muirí a Imscrúdú) (Leasú), 2019
Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties)
(Amendment) Bill 2019**

*Meabhrán Mínitheach
Explanatory Memorandum*



**AN BILLE LOINGIS CHEANNAÍOCHTA
(TAISMÍ MUIRÍ A IMSCRÚDÚ) (LEASÚ), 2019
MERCHANT SHIPPING (INVESTIGATION OF MARINE
CASUALTIES) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2019**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Merchant Shipping (Investigation of Marine Casualties) Act 2000 (“Act of 2000”) to require certain matters to be considered with regard to the composition of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board. Sections 9 and 10 of the Act of 2000 provide for the appointment and reappointment of a number of members to the Board by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport. Section 14 of the Act of 2000 provides for the nomination of a person by the Secretary General of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to the Board in place of the Chief Surveyor, where the office of Chief Surveyor is vacant. The Bill amends the Act of 2000 to require the Minister or Secretary General, as the case may be, to have regard to the desirability of persons so appointed, reappointed or nominated having appropriate knowledge, qualifications or experience in matters connected to the functions of the Board.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 defines the “Act of 2000” as referred to in the Bill.

Section 2 amends section 9 of the Act of 2000.

Section 3 inserts a new section 9A into the Act of 2000. Subsection (1) of the inserted section requires that where the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport appoints or reappoints a person to the Board, he or she shall have regard to the desirability of the persons appointed having appropriate knowledge, qualifications or experience in matters connected to the functions of the Board. Subsection (2) of the inserted section provides a corresponding requirement on the Secretary General of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport to have regard to these considerations where he or she nominates a person to the Board in place of the Chief Surveyor, where the office of Chief Surveyor is vacant.

Section 4 sets out the short title, collective citation and construction for the Act. These are standard form provisions.

*Deputy Mattie McGrath,
Íúil, 2019.*