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An Act to abolish the offences of blasphemy and blasphemous libel; to amend the Censorship of Films Act 1923 and the Censorship of Films (Amendment) Act 1925; to repeal certain provisions of the Defamation Act 2009; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Abolition of offences of blasphemy and blasphemous libel

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1. Any rule of law by virtue of which—

- (a) blasphemy, or
- (b) blasphemous libel,

is an offence is abolished.

Amendment of section 7 of Censorship of Films Act 1923

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2. Section 7(2)(a)(ii) of the Censorship of Films Act 1923 is amended by the substitution of “indecent or obscene” for “indecent, obscene or blasphemous”.

Amendment of section 3 of Censorship of Films (Amendment) Act 1925

3. Section 3(2) of the Censorship of Films (Amendment) Act 1925 is amended by the substitution of “indecent or obscene” for “indecent, obscene, or blasphemous”.

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Repeal of sections 36 and 37 of Defamation Act 2009

4. Sections 36 and 37 of the Defamation Act 2009 are repealed.

Short title and commencement

5. (1) This Act may be cited as the Blasphemy (Abolition of Offences and Related Matters) Act 2019.

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(2) This Act shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister for Justice and Equality may appoint by order or orders either generally or with reference to any

particular purpose or provision and different days may be so appointed for different purposes or different provisions.

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dá ngairtear

Acht do chealú na gcionta arb éard iad diamhasla agus leabhal diamhaslach; do leasú an Achta um Scrúdoireacht Scannán, 1923 agus an Achta um Scrúdoireacht Scannán (Leasú), 1925; d'aisghairm forálacha áirithe den Acht um Chlúmhilleadh, 2009; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

An Seanadóir Diarmuid Ó Buitiméir a thíolaic thar ceann an Aire Dlí agus Cirt agus Comhionannais,

17 Iúil, 2019

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Presented by Senator Jerry Buttimer on behalf of the Minister for Justice and Equality,

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