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**Introduction**

Dog litter carries disease. Toxocariasis is an illness caused by the parasitic roundworm *Toxocara*, which lives in the intestines of dogs and cats. Human contact with the eggs produced by the roundworm and excreted in the dog's faeces can cause fever, cough or wheezing, enlarged liver, rash, or swollen lymph nodes. It can also cause blindness. This is why dog litter should be picked up immediately and disposed of safely. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. The purpose of this Bill is to impress upon those in charge of dogs the importance of picking up their pet's faeces when in public by making it an offence not to produce a suitable bag on one's person when in charge of a dog and when requested to do so by a dog warden, litter warden, or member of An Garda Síochána. This would make the possession of a dog litter bag a similar requirement to that of a leash when one is in control of a dog.

**Main Provisions of Bill**

*Section 1* inserts a new subsection (5) to the Litter Pollution Act 1997

*Section 2* provides for the short title and citation of the Bill.

*Deputies Seán Crowe and Kathleen Funchine,  
Samhain 2019*