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*Meabhrán Mínitheach*  
*Explanatory Memorandum*

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**Purpose of the Bill**

The purpose of the Bill is to make provision in law for hate crime against persons on the basis of their asylum or refugee status, race, colour, religion, nationality, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, transgender identity, sex characteristics age or perceived age.

*Section 1* deals with the interpretation of terms used in the Bill.

*Section 2* sets out when an offence is an offence is aggravated by hate crime.

*Section 3* seals with sentencing for an offence that is aggravated by hate crime.

*Section 4* deals with the penalty a court may impose for the commission of an offence that is aggravated by hate crime.

*Section 5* sets out a power for a court to impose a supervision order on an offender as part of a sentence for the commission of an offence that is aggravated by hate crime.

*Section 6* provides for the short title and that the Act shall come into operation on such day as the Minister for Justice and Equality may appoint by order.

*Senator Fiona O'Loughlin,*  
*Senator Lisa Chambers,*  
*Senator Robbie Gallagher,*  
*Samhain, 2020.*