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**An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Gadaíochta agus Calaoise) (Leasú)  
(Peataí), 2021**

**Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) (Pets) Bill 2021**

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*Mar a tionscnaíodh*

*As initiated*

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# Bill

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*entitled*

An Act to amend the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001 to make specific provision for sentencing for certain offences in relation to pets; and to provide for related matters.

**Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:**

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## **Amendment of Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001**

1. The Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001 is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 54A:

### **“Sentencing for offences relating to pets**

**54B.** (1) Where—

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(a) a person is guilty of theft, burglary, aggravated burglary, robbery or handling stolen property, and

(b) that offence—

(i) relates to property which is or includes a pet, and

(ii) was committed after the person had attained the age of 18 years,

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the sentence imposed on that person on conviction shall not be less than 10 months imprisonment.

(2) The operation of the period of 10 months imprisonment specified in subsection (1) shall not be suspended in whole or in part by the sentencing court.

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(3) This section applies to a person in respect of an offence referred to in subsection (1) only if that offence is committed after the coming into operation of the *Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) (Pets) Act 2021*.

(4) In this section—

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‘farm animal’ has the same meaning as it has in the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013;

‘pet’ means—

- (a) dog,
- (b) cat, or
- (c) any animal (other than a farm animal) kept, or intended to be kept for companionship.”

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**Short title and commencement**

- 2. (1) This Act may be cited as the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) (Pets) Act 2021.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation one week after the day of its passing.



An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta  
Gadaíochta agus Calaoise) (Leasú) (Peataí),  
2021

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# BILLE

*(mar a tionscnaíodh)*

*dá ngairtear*

Acht do leasú an Achta um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta  
Gadaíochta agus Calaoise), 2001 chun socrú  
sonrach a dhéanamh maidir le gearradh  
pianbhreitheanna i leith cionta áirithe i ndáil le  
peataí; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe  
gaolmhara.

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*Na Teachtaí Peadar Tóibín, Seán Ó Ceannaigh agus  
Verona Uí Mhurchú a thug isteach,*

*27 Eanáir, 2021*

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(Amendment) (Pets) Bill 2021

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*(as initiated)*

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Fraud Offences) Act 2001 to make specific  
provision for sentencing for certain offences in  
relation to pets; and to provide for related  
matters.

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*Introduced by Deputies Peadar Tóibín, Seán Canney  
and Verona Murphy,*

*27th January, 2021*

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