



**An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Gadaíochta agus
Calaoise) (Leasú) (Peataí), 2021**
**Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences)
(Amendment) (Pets) Bill 2021**

Meabhrán Mínitheach
Explanatory Memorandum



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Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for a mandatory minimum sentence for theft and certain related offences concerning pets.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 introduces a new section into the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001. This new section provides for a mandatory minimum sentence for adults who commit theft or certain related offences concerning pets, and defines the term ‘pet’ for the purposes of the section.

Section 2 provides for the short title of the Bill and its commencement.

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Eanáir, 2021.*