



**AN BILLE SLÁINTE (FOIRCEANNADH TOIRCHIS A RIALÁIL)
(FAOISEAMH Ó PHIAN D'FHÉATAS), 2021
HEALTH (REGULATION OF TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY)
(FOETAL PAIN RELIEF) BILL 2021**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of this Bill is to ensure that, in cases of later terminations which would cause pain to the unborn children concerned, they are provided with relief from that pain.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 provides for the short title and commencement of the Bill.

Section 2 provides that references to “Act of 2018” mean the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018.

Section 3 inserts a new section in the Act of 2018, requiring pain relief to be administered to an unborn child where appropriate, in the minority of cases to which that section applies. The section also makes clear that it does not require pain relief in emergency cases where that would not be practicable. Where this section applies, the notification which must currently be given to the Minister for Health under section 20 of the Act of 2018 will also include information relevant to this new section.

Section 4 provides that, in cases to which the new section referred to above applies, the record which section 20 of the Act of 2018 currently requires to be kept in relation to a termination of pregnancy will also include information relevant to that new section.

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