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*As initiated*

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# Bill

*entitled*

An Act to amend the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 to improve the welfare of pigs by prohibiting teeth-clipping, tail-docking and castration, limiting the use of tusk reduction and regulating sow stalls and farrowing crates. 5

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

## **Prohibition of teeth-clipping, tail-docking and castration**

1. Section 16 of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 is amended by the insertion of the following subsections after subsection (5): 10

“(6) Nothing in this section, nor any regulations made under section 36(1) of this Act nor any of the statutory instruments listed in Schedule 4, render it lawful to carry out or cause or permit another person to carry out a procedure (other than for therapeutic or diagnostic purposes) on a pig that is likely to result in damage to, or loss of a sensitive part of the body or the alteration of the bone structure of, a pig other than reduction in length of boars tusks as a last resort where necessary to prevent injury to other animals or for safety reasons, 15

(7) A procedure outlined in subsection (1) may only be carried out under hygienic conditions by a registered veterinary practitioner.”. 20

## **Regulation of sow stalls and farrowing crates**

2. Section 11 of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 is amended by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (3):

“(4) Nothing in this section, nor any regulations made under section 36(1) of this Act nor any of the statutory instruments listed in Schedule 4, render it lawful to confine a sow or gilt to an individual pen that— 25

(a) does not allow her to turn around, and

(b) has an area of no less than 5 square metres.”.

## **Short title and commencement**

3. (1) This Act may be cited as the Animal Health and Welfare (Welfare of Pigs) Act 2025. 30

- (2) This Act shall come into operation on such day as the Minister for Health may by order appoint, not being later than 90 days from its promulgation by the President.



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(Leas Muc), 2025

# BILLE

(mar a tionscnaíodh)

dá ngairtear

Acht do leasú an Achta um Shláinte agus Leas Ainmhithe, 2013 chun leas muc a fheabhsú trí thoirmeasc a chur le bearradh fiacra, sciotaadh eireaball agus coilleadh, tríd an úsáid a bhaintear as laghdú starrfhiacla a theorannú agus trí stalláí cránacha agus cliathbhoscaí cráinbhreithe a rialáil.

*Na Teachtaí Pól Ó Murchú, Rút Coipingéir agus  
Risteard Buíd Bairéid a thug isteach,*

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Coppinger and Richard Boyd Barrett,*

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