



**An Bille um Shláinte agus Leas Ainmhithe (Leas Muc),
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Animal Health and Welfare (Welfare of Pigs) Bill 2025

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Explanatory Memorandum



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Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of the Bill is 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 prohibiting sow stalls and farrowing crates of less than 5 metres square.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1. Prohibits procedures (other than for therapeutic or diagnostic purposes) that are likely to damage or remove a sensitive part of a pig's body or alter its bone structure, such as teeth-clipping, tail-docking and castration. Limits reduction in length of boars tusks to a last resort where necessary to prevent injury to other animals or for safety reasons,

Section 2. Prohibits sow stalls and farrowing crates that do not allow a sow or gilt to turn around and are less than 5 metres square.

Section 3. Short title, collective citation and commencement.

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