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**Introduction**

This Bill deals with the issue of Iatrogenic Suicide. It is an issue that must be highlighted. A verdict of Suicide, returned in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1962, must be differentiated from a verdict of Iatrogenic Suicide. Iatrogenic Suicide is the ending of one's own life where the effect of medical treatment undertaken by the deceased, including any prescribed medication, is the primary cause of such an action. This Bill seeks to change the law to give recognition to this differentiation in relation to a verdict that can be made following an inquest undertaken under the Coroners Act 1962.

**Provisions of the Bill**

**Section 1: Interpretation**

*Section 1* Defines the "Act of 1962" as the Coroners Act 1962

**Section 2: Insertion of new section 29A**

*Section 2* symbolically amends the Act of 1962 by inserting a new section into the Act to provide for the possibility of a verdict of Iatrogenic Suicide. This section also defines Iatrogenic Suicide. There is also a safeguard contained in this section to ensure that a verdict of Iatrogenic Suicide does not contravene section 30 of the Act of 1962 in so far as the apportion of civil or criminal liability is concerned.

**Section 3: Short title and commencement**

*Section 3* provides for the short title of the commencement of the Act.

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