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**Criminal Justice (Trespass on Land) Bill 2025**

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*Meabhrán Miniúcháin*  
*Explanatory Memorandum*

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

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**Purpose of the Bill**

To amend Section 13 of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994.

**Background**

The rise in reports of trespass from organisations representing farmers is a major issue of concern in rural Ireland. Trespass affects not just farmers and landowners but also rural communities where activities such as lurching and unsanctioned use of quads, scramblers and motorcycles take place on agricultural or community land. This Bill seeks to broaden the scope of existing legislation to capture not just the land on which buildings and the curtilage of buildings are situated, but all farm and agricultural land.

**Provisions of the Bill**

*Section 1* amends section 13 of the Criminal Justice (Public Order) Act 1994. Section 13 provides for an offence where a person trespasses on a building in such a manner that it causes or is likely to cause fear in another person. The effect of this amendment is that this offence will be extended to trespass on any land.

*Section 2* is a standard form provision and provides for the short title of the proposed Act, its collective citation and its commencement.

*Carol Nolan TD,  
Meán Fómhair, 2025.*