



**An Bille Sláinte Poiblí (Galtoitíní Aonúsáide), 2025**  
**Public Health (Single-Use Vapes) Bill 2025**

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*Explanatory Memorandum*

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**Purpose of Bill**

The primary objective of the Bill is to prohibit the sale of single-use vapes, whether containing nicotine or not. The draft Bill consists of three parts and twenty sections.

**Provisions of Bill**

**PART 1**

**PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL PROVISIONS**

*Section 1* - (Short title and commencement)

This section provides for the short title and commencement.

*Section 2* - (Interpretation)

This section provides for the definition of relevant terms.

*Section 3* - (Application of Act)

This section provides that this Act applies to the sale of single-use vapes in the State, and does not apply to medical devices, accessories for a medical device or medicinal products.

*Section 4* - (Residence of body corporate or unincorporated body of persons)

This section provides for the residence of a body corporate or unincorporated persons.

*Section 5* - (Regulations)

This section provides for Ministerial Regulations.

*Section 6* - (Service of documents)

This section provides for the service of documents.

*Section 7* - (Transitional provision)

This section provides that a single-use vape may be sold in the State for 6 months following commencement.

*Section 8* - (Expenses)

This section provides for expenses.

## **PART 2**

### **PROHIBITION ON SALE OF SINGLE-USE VAPES AND ENFORCEMENT**

*Section 9 - (Prohibition on sale of single-use vapes)*

This section creates a prohibition on the sale of single-use vapes in the State.

*Section 10 - (Authorised officers)*

This section provides for the appointment of authorised officers for ensuring compliance with this Act.

*Section 11 - (Indemnification of authorised officers)*

This section provides for indemnification of authorised officers.

*Section 12 - (Powers of authorised officers)*

This section provides enforcement powers for authorised officers to ensure compliance with this Act.

*Section 13 - (Prohibition notice)*

This section provides for a prohibition notice in the case of contravention of *section 9*.

## **PART 3**

### **PENALTIES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

*Section 14 - (Offences and penalties)*

This section provides for penalties for first and subsequent offences under the Act.

*Section 15 - (Defences generally)*

This section provides for defences in relation to offences under the Act.

*Section 16 - (Liability for offences by body corporate)*

This section provides for liability for offences by a body corporate.

*Section 17 - (Summary proceedings and costs of prosecution)*

This section provides for the bringing and prosecution of summary offences, including recovery of costs of prosecution.

*Section 18 - (Time limit where offence may be prosecuted in summary proceedings only)*

This section provides for a time limit of 12 months where offences may be prosecuted in summary proceedings only.

*Section 19 - (Offence of providing false or misleading information)*

This section creates the offence of providing false or misleading information in purported compliance with this Act.

*Section 20 - (Legal privilege)*

This section provides for disclosure of privileged legal material in certain circumstances and with the determination of the High Court.

*An Roinn Sláinte,*

*Samhain, 2025.*



