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Purpose of the Bill

The primary purpose of this Bill is to amend the Principal Act, National Minimum Wage Act, 2000 by amending section 2 and 5 to include construction and construction related craft apprentices into the National Minimum Wage, for the purpose of alleviating cost of living pressures; to provide financial support to encourage more craft apprenticeships; and to provide for related matters.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 sets out the Principal Act being amended is a standard form provision and provides for the interpretation of terms used in the Bill.

Section 2 is the amendment of section 2 of the principal Act a standard form provision and provides for the amendment of the existing Act.

Section 3 is the amendment of section 5 of the Principal Act a standard form provision and provides for the amendment of the existing Act.

Section 4 sets out the short title of the proposed Act is a standard form provision and provides for the short title of the proposed Act and the commencement of the Act.

Donna McGettigan, TD,

Samhain, 2026.