



**An Bille um Bainistiú Dramhaíola (Seirbhís Bailithe
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**Waste Management (Single Household Waste Collection
Service) Bill 2026**

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Explanatory Memorandum



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Purpose of Bill

The general purpose of this Bill is, in relation to household waste collection services, to replace the current system of competition in the market with a system of competition for the market. The Bill also provides for a scheme for the waiver of household waste collection charges on grounds of personal hardship, and it would enable local authorities to make provision by bye-laws relating to the duty of landlords in respect of the presentation of household waste by their tenants.

Provisions of Bill

Section 1 is the interpretation section. It defines only one term: the “Act of 1996” means the Waste Management Act 1996.

Section 2 is headed “Collection of household waste” and makes two amendments to section 33 of the Act of 1996. First, subsection (1) is recast so that it would require each local authority to arrange for the collection of household waste in accordance with both this section and with section 34 (see below). Second, subsections (2) and (3), which at present exempt the local authority from this duty in certain circumstances, are repealed.

Section 3 (“Household waste collection permits”) amends section 34 of the Act of 1996, by inserting six additional subsections setting out the new scheme. It is provided that –

- a household waste collection permit shall be an exclusive permit for a specified term of years, and chosen as a result of a competitive process
- permits may be for the whole of the functional area of the local authority or a specified part
- the permit holder will be required to operate an approved scheme for the waiver on grounds of personal hardship of all or portion of household waste collection charges
- if there are to be different service providers in different areas, the local authority must arrange the process and the terms and conditions so as to ensure that an adequate waste collection service is available throughout its functional area.

Section 4 (“Duty of landlords”), amends section 35 of the Act of 1996. This section enables local authorities to make bye-laws relation to the presentation of waste for collection. A new paragraph is inserted so as to enable the local authority to make bye-laws requiring the landlord of residential premises to ensure that an adequate waste collection service is available and availed of in respect of household waste produced with the premises.

Section 5 provides in standard form for the short title and collective citation and construction of the Bill when passed. It also provides that it will come into operation 12 months after its passing.

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