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**An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Gadaíochta agus Calaoise) (Leasú)  
(Trealamh Oibre), 2026**

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Bill 2026**

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*Mar a tionscnaíodh*

*As initiated*

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# Bill

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*entitled*

An act to amend the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001 to make specific provision for sentencing for certain offences in relation to theft of tools and supplies used in course of one's business; and to provide for related matters.

**Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:**

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## **Amendment of Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001**

1. The Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001 is amended by the insertion of the following section after section 54A:

### **“Sentencing for offences relating to tools**

**54B.** (1) Where—

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(a) a person is guilty of theft, burglary, aggravated burglary, robbery or handling stolen property, and

(b) that offence—

(i) relates to property, which is or includes work equipment,

(ii) which prevents the owner of this property from carrying out their employment, and

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(iii) was committed after the person had attained the age of 18 years, the sentence imposed on that person on conviction shall not be less than 36 months imprisonment.

(2) The operation of the period of 36 months imprisonment specific in subsection (1) shall not be suspended in whole or in part of a period greater than 18 months by the sentencing court.

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(3) This section applies to a person in respect of an offence referred to in subsection (1) only if that offence is committed after the coming into operation of the *Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) (Tools) Act 2026*.

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(4) In this section—

‘work equipment’ has the same meaning as it has in the Safety, Health and Welfare at work (General Application) Regulations 2007.’.

**Short title and commencement**

2. (1) This Act may be cited as the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) (Work Equipment) Act 2026. 5
- (2) This Act shall come into operation one week after the day of its passing.



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Gadaíochta agus Calaoise) (Leasú)  
(Trealamh Oibre), 2026

# BILLE

(mar a tionscnaíodh)

dá ngairtear

Acht do leasú an Achta um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta  
Gadaíochta agus Calaoise), 2001 chun socrú  
sonrach a dhéanamh maidir le gearradh  
pianbhreitheanna i leith cionta áirithe i ndáil le  
huirlisí agus le soláthairtí, a úsáidtear i gcúrsa  
gnó duine, a ghoid; agus do dhéanamh socrú i  
dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Na Seanadóirí P.S. Ó Murchadha, Mark Duffy agus  
Mike Kennelly a thug isteach,  
25 Feabhra, 2026

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Introduced by Senators P.J. Murphy, Mark Duffy  
and Mike Kennelly,  
25th February, 2026

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