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Explanatory Memorandum*



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Purpose of Bill

The purpose of this Bill is to to amend the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 to abolish the mandatory three day wait rule for access to a termination of pregnancy during early pregnancy.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 (Interpretation)

This section defines key terms used in the Bill.

Section 2 (Amendment of Section 12 of the Principal Act)

This section removes subsection 3 which mandates a three day wait before a termination under section 12 may be carried out.

This section removes further references to the three day wait in relation to the certification of a pregnancy under section 12.

Section 3 (Short Title and Commencement)

This section provides for citation and commencement on a date appointed by the Minister for Health.

*David Cullinane TD,
Bealtaine, 2026.*

