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ACT REFERRED TO

Forestry Act 2014 (No. 31)



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FORESTRY (CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE) (AMENDMENT) BILL 2026**

Bill

entitled

An Act to amend the Forestry Act 2014 to provide for the effective management of critical infrastructure corridors and forestry management, and to provide for related matters. 5

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Definition

1. In this Act, “Principal Act” means the Forestry Act 2014. 10

Amendment of section 10 of Principal Act

2. Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by insertion of the following subsections after subsection 10(6)—

“(7) The minimum width of a forestry corridor for critical infrastructure shall be as follows: 15

(a) 15 meters minimum width in the case of a water main or mains;

(b) 15 meter minimum in the case of gas line;

(c) 30 meter minimum corridor shall apply where a gas line has been installed after the planting of forestry.

(8) Minimum width corridors for electricity lines shall be as follows: 20

(a) 55 meter centre width minimum in the case of a 10kV capacity line;

(b) 55 meter centre width minimum in the case of a 38kV capacity line;

(c) 61 meter centre width minimum in the case of a 110kV capacity line;

(d) 68 meter centre width minimum in the case of a 220kV capacity line; 25

(e) 74 meter centre width minimum in the case of a 400kV capacity line;

(f) Power lines with a voltage capacity of 200V and 400V—

- (i) shall not require a minimum centre width corridor, and
- (ii) must offer sufficient clearance from treetops and branches.”.

Short title, citation, and commencement

3. (1) This Act may be cited as the Forestry (Critical Infrastructure) (Amendment) Act 2026.
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on such day or days as the Minister may appoint by order or orders either generally or with reference to any particular purpose or provision and different days may be so appointed for different purposes or different provisions. 5

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Ríthábhachtach) (Leasú), 2026

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Acht do leasú an Achta Foraoiseachta, 2014 chun
socrú a dhéanamh maidir le bainistiú
éifeachtach conairí bonneagair ríthábhachtaigh
agus maidir le bainistiú foraoiseachta, agus do
dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Na Teachtaí Máirtín Ó Cionaith agus Clár Ní
Chearáin a thug isteach,
16 Meitheamh, 2026

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Introduced by Deputies Martin Kenny and Claire
Kerrane,
16th June, 2026

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