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ACT REFERRED TO

Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 (No. 32)



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PREVENTION OF ENERGY WASTAGE BILL 2026

Bill

entitled

An Act to amend the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 to provide for the utilisation of curtailed and constrained renewable electricity in order to support the achievement of the national climate objective and carbon budgets, to advance a just transition, and to reduce energy poverty by facilitating access to lower-cost renewable electricity for eligible electricity customers; and to provide for related matters. 5 10

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Amendment of Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021

1. The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021 is amended in by the insertion of the following after section 15:

“15A. (1) In furtherance of the national climate objective, carbon budgets and the principle of just transition, the Minister shall make regulations under this section to ensure that electricity generated from renewable sources, which would otherwise be curtailed or constrained due to electricity system constraints, is made available for use by electricity customers at no cost. 15 20

(2) Regulations under subsection (1) shall—

- (a) require the Commission for Regulation of Utilities to establish, within 12 months of the commencement of this section, a ‘Wasted Electricity Utilisation Scheme’ for the purpose of subsection (1);
- (b) provide for the designation by EirGrid, as Transmission System Operator, of forecast curtailment and constrained volumes and relevant locations on a day-ahead basis; 25
- (c) establish eligibility criteria for participation in the scheme, which shall prioritise, in no particular order:
 - (i) electricity storage facilities, 30
 - (ii) community-led energy projects,
 - (iii) domestic customers who are in receipt of the Fuel Allowance, registered as vulnerable customers, or at risk of energy poverty,

and

(iv) domestic customers with smart meters and controllable load,

and

(d) require the Commission to publish an annual report on volumes of curtailed and constrained renewable electricity utilised under the scheme and the associated emissions avoided. 5

(3) In performing functions under this section, the Minister and the Commission shall ensure compliance with the European Union internal energy market rules and State aid rules.”.

Short title and commencement

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2. (1) This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Energy Wastage Act 2026.

(2) This Act shall come into operation on the day of its passing.

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2026

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dá ngairtear

Acht do leasú an Achta um Ghníomhú Aeráide agus um Fhorbairt Ísealcharbóin (Leasú), 2021 chun socrú a dhéanamh maidir le leictreachas inathnuaite atá ciorraithe agus srianta a úsáid chun tacú leis an gcuspóir náisiúnta aeráide agus leis na buiséid i leith carbóin a bhaint amach, chun aistriú cóir a chur chun cinn, agus chun bochtaineacht fuinnimh a laghdú trí rochtain ar leictreachas inathnuaite ar chostas níos ísle a éascú do thomhaltóirí leictreachais incháilithe; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

An Teachta Sinéad Whitmore a thug isteach,

2 Iúil, 2026

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Introduced by Deputy Jennifer Whitmore,

2nd July, 2026

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