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*Meabhrán Míniúcháin
Explanatory Memorandum*



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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Section 1 defines the Principal Act as the Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020.

Section 2 introduces a prohibition of the creation of non-consensual images.

Section 3 increases the penalties under section 3 of the Principal Act.

Section 4 increases the penalties under section 4 of the Principal Act.

Section 5 increases the allowable timeframe for the commencement of summary proceedings.

Section 6 is the standard short title and commencement section.

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