

(Supplementary Order Paper)

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DÁIL ÉIREANN

Déardaoin, 19 Márta, 2020
Thursday, 19th March, 2020

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TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS
MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT

An Bille Sláinte (Caomhnú agus Cosaint agus Beartha Éigeandála eile ar mhaithe le Leas an Phobail), 2020.
Health (Preservation and Protection and other Emergency Measures in the Public Interest) Bill 2020.

For the purpose of Article 17.2 of the Constitution, the Government recommend that it is expedient to authorise such payments out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas as are necessary to give effect to any Act of the present session to make exceptional provision, in the public interest and having regard to the manifest and grave risk to human life and public health posed by the spread of the disease known as Covid-19 and in order to mitigate, where practicable, the effect of the spread of the disease known as Covid-19, to amend the Health Act 1947 to confer a power on the Minister for Health to make regulations prohibiting or restricting the holding of certain events or access to certain premises and to provide for enforcement measures; to provide for powers for certain medical officers of health to order, in certain circumstances, the detention of persons who are suspected to be potential sources of infection with the disease known as Covid-19 and to provide for enforcement measures in that regard; and to confer on the Minister for Health the power to designate areas as areas of infection of Covid-19 and to provide for related matters; to amend and extend the Social Welfare Acts to provide for amendments in relation to entitlement to illness benefit for persons who have been diagnosed with, or are a probable source of infection with the disease known as Covid-19; and to provide for amendments in relation to jobseeker's benefit and jobseeker's allowance to mitigate the economic effects of the spread of the disease known as Covid-19; and to provide for related matters.

Given on this 18th day of March, 2020

(Signed) Leo Varadkar,
An Taoiseach.

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