



+++AN BILLE AS GAEILGE, 2022+++
**HEALTH (REGULATION OF TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY)
(AMENDMENT) BILL 2022**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of the Bill is amend the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 to provide for abortion on request prior to foetal viability, to abolish the 3 day waiting period for abortion on request, to allow for abortion on grounds of fatal foetal abnormality that is likely to lead to the death of the foetus either before or within a year of birth, to allow for abortion where there is a risk to the life, or of serious harm to the health, of the pregnant woman, and to decriminalise the provision of abortion.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 defines the “Act of 2018” as the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018. *Section 2* deletes the foetal viability clause where there is a risk to the pregnant woman’s life or a serious risk to her health.

Section 3 allows for abortion on grounds of fatal foetal abnormality that is likely to lead to the death of the foetus either before or within a year of birth.

Section 4 allows for abortion on request prior to foetal viability and removes the 3 day waiting period for abortion on request.

Section 5 removes all clauses relating to the criminalisation of abortion.

Section 6 is the standard provision dealing with the short title.

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Deireadh Fómhair, 2022.