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Housing Act 1988 (No. 28)

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Bill

entitled

An Act to amend the Housing Act 1988 to provide a legal definition of persons at risk of homelessness and to give the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government and local authorities the power to provide such persons with supports to prevent them from becoming homeless. 5

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

Amendment of Housing Act 1988 10

1. (1) The Housing Act 1988 is amended by inserting the following section after section 2(b):

“3. A person shall be regarded by a housing authority as being at risk of homelessness for the purposes of this Act if—

(a) a valid notice has been given to the person under section 34 of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 in respect of the only accommodation the person has that is available for the person’s occupation, 15

(b) that notice will expire within 60 days, or

(c) that person is deemed to be at risk of losing their accommodation within 60 days for any reason deemed acceptable by the local authority including, living in insecure housing, threatened with severe exclusion due to insecure tenancies, eviction or domestic violence, living in inadequate housing including unfit housing and extreme overcrowding. 20
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(2) The Housing Act 1988 is amended by inserting the following subsections after section 10(11):

“(12) Each local housing authority in Ireland may provide or secure the provision of a service, available free of charge to any person in the authority’s district, providing information and advice on— 30

(a) preventing homelessness,

(b) securing accommodation when homeless,

- (c) the rights of persons who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and the duties of the authority, under this Part,
 - (d) any help that is available from the authority or anyone else, whether under this Part or otherwise, for persons in the authority's district who are at risk of homelessness, and 5
 - (e) how to access that help.
- (13) The service may be designed to meet the needs of persons in the authority's district including, in particular, the needs of—
- (a) persons released from prison or youth detention accommodation,
 - (b) care leavers, 10
 - (c) former members of the regular armed forces,
 - (d) victims of domestic abuse,
 - (e) persons leaving hospital,
 - (f) persons suffering from a mental illness or impairment,
 - (g) dependent children residing with the person or persons at risk of homelessness, or 15
 - (h) any other group that the authority identify as being at particular risk of homelessness in the authority's district.
- (14) The authority may give to any person by whom the service is provided on behalf of the authority assistance by way of grant or loan. 20
- (15) The authority may also assist any such person—
- (a) by permitting the person to use premises belonging to the authority, and
 - (b) by making available the services of staff employed by the authority.
- (16) Where the local housing authority are satisfied that an applicant is— 25
- (a) at risk of homelessness, and
 - (b) eligible for assistance, the authority may make an assessment of the applicant's case and provide a plan to prevent the applicant from becoming homeless. The plan may be provided 60 days in advance of the person becoming homeless. 30
- (17) The authority's assessment and plan may include the reasons why the person or persons are at risk of homelessness, the supports necessary to prevent the person or persons from becoming homeless and the actions that may be taken by the local authority to prevent the person from becoming homeless." 35

Short title and citation

2. This Act may be cited as the Homeless Prevention Act 2018.

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dá ngairtear

Acht do leasú Acht na dTithe, 1988 chun míniú dlíthiúil ar dhaoine atá i mbaol na heaspa dídine a sholáthar agus chun an chumhacht a thabhairt don Aire Tithíochta, Pleanála agus Rialtais Áitiúil agus d'údaráis áitiúla tacaí a sholáthar do na daoine sin chun nach dtiocfaidh siad chun bheith gan dídean.

Na Teachtaí Eoin Ó Broin agus Denise Uí Mhistéil a thug isteach,
30 Bealtaine, 2018

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