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entitled

An Act to amend the Electricity Regulation Act, 1999, to include explicit provision for the Minister to provide policy direction to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities, to introduce a moratorium on disconnections of gas and electricity supply to domestic customers for non-payment during the winter months or during other periods of time the Minister may deem appropriate.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:

1. Definitions

In this Act;

‘Principle Act’ means The Electricity Regulation Act, 1999

2. Amendment of Section 10 of the Principle Act

The Electricity Regulation Act, 1999, is amended by the insertion after section 10 A (b) (iv) of the following:

“10 A (c)

Notwithstanding the generality of paragraph (a) such general policy directions may include;

- (i) A direction by the Minister to introduce a moratorium on disconnections of the supply of gas and electricity to domestic customers for non-payment for the duration of the annual fuel allowance season, or during other periods of time the Minister may deem appropriate.”

3. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Electricity Regulation (Amendment) (Prohibition of Winter Disconnections) Bill 2020.