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**An Bille um Áiteanna Cónaithe Príobháideacha a Chosaint (Ar Phicéadú  
Spriocdhírithe), 2021**

**Protection of Private Residences (Against Targeted Picketing) Bill 2021**

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*Mar a tionscnaíodh*

*As initiated*

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# Bill

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*entitled*

An Act to make provision for the prevention of the targeted picketing of a private residence and to provide for related matters.

**Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows:**

## **Interpretation**

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1. In this Act—

“Minister” means the Minister for Justice;

“protest” includes:

- (a) to seek to influence;
- (b) to persistently, continuously and or repeatedly occupy a public or private space;
- (c) to interfere with, impede or threaten;
- (d) to intimidate and or harass;
- (e) to advise and or persuade, attempt to advise and or persuade or otherwise express an opinion;

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“residential dwelling” includes any permanent building being used by one or more occupants for residential purposes;

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“target” means to direct something at a particular person or group or activity and includes a picket or protest activity that is targeted at an individual who is believed to reside in a particular residential dwelling.

## **Offence of targeted protest**

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2. It shall be an offence under this Act if a person organises or engages in, whether formally or informally, any targeted protest within 200 metres (or less) of a residential dwelling.

### **Penalties**

3. (1) A person guilty of an offence under *section 2* shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a class D fine.
- (2) A person guilty of a second or subsequent offence shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a class A fine or imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months or both. 5

### **Regulations**

4. (1) The Minister may make regulations for the general purpose of this Act and may, by regulation, provide for any matter referred to in this Act as prescribed or to be prescribed. 10
- (2) Every regulation under this Act shall be laid before each House of the Oireachtas as soon as may be after it is made and, if a resolution annulling the regulation is passed by either such House within the next 21 days on which that House has sat after the regulation is laid before it, the regulation shall be annulled accordingly but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under the regulation. 15
- (3) Regulations under this Act may contain such incidental, supplementary and consequential provisions as appear to the Minister to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the regulations.

### **Short title and commencement**

5. (1) This Act may be cited as the Protection of Private Residences (Against Targeted Picketing) Act 2021. 20
- (2) This Act shall come into operation on such day as the Minister may appoint by order.



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Príobháideacha a Chosaint (Ar Phicéadú  
Spriocdhírithe), 2021

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# BILLE

*(mar a tionscnaíodh)*

*dá ngairtear*

Acht do dhéanamh socrú chun cosc a chur le picéadú  
spriocdhírithe ar áit chónaithe príobháideach  
agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe  
gaolmhara.

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*Na Seanadóirí Maolcholm Ó Broin agus Fiona M.  
Ní Lochlainn a thug isteach,  
4 Samhain, 2021*

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*Introduced by Senators Malcolm Byrne and Fiona  
O'Loughlin,  
4th November, 2021*

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