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ACTS REFERRED TO

Derelict Sites Act 1990 (No. 14)

Health Act 2007 (No. 23)

Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 (No. 33)



**AN BILLE UM CHATHRACHA BEO, 2017
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Bill

entitled

An Act to amend the Derelict Sites Act 1990 to increase the levy placed on derelict sites; 5
to ensure the register of derelict sites compiled by a local authority is made publicly
available on the local authority’s website; to ensure protection for the rights of
homeowners who have moved into residential care and own a derelict site; to amend the
Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 to extend the definition of a “vacant site” to
include sites below 0.05 hectares; to ensure the documents associated with the entry of a 10
site onto the register of vacant sites are made publicly available on the local authority’s
website; to increase the vacant site levy in each subsequent year; to increase the scope of
the levy to include properties in negative or low equity; and to provide for related
matters.

Be it enacted by the Oireachtas as follows: 15

Interpretation

1. In this Act—

“Act of 1990” means the Derelict Sites Act 1990;

“Act of 2015” means the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015.

**Amendment of Act of 1990 – to increase the derelict site levy, make publicly available the 20
register and provide for site-owners in a designated centre**

2. The Act of 1990 is amended—

(a) in section 2 by the insertion of the following:

“ ‘designated centre’ has the meaning assigned to it by the Health Act 2007;”,

(b) in section 8 by the insertion of the following: 25

“(10) The register, and the process by which sites are entered onto the
register, shall be made publicly available online on the local
authority’s website in accordance with further regulations by the
Minister under section 4.”,

(c) by the substitution of the following for section 14: 30

“14.(1) A local authority may acquire by agreement or compulsorily any derelict site situated within their functional area.

(2) Where the owner of a property has been admitted to a designated centre, the provisions of this section are subject to further regulations by the Minister under section 4.”, 5

and

(d) in section 23—

(i) in subsection (3) by substituting “seven per cent” for “three per cent”, and

(ii) by the insertion of the following after subsection (10):

“(11) Where the owner of a property has been admitted to a designated centre, the provisions of this section are subject to further regulations by the Minister under section 4.”. 10

Amendment of Act of 2015 – to provide for an annual increase in the vacant site levy, widen the scope of the levy and provide for further transparency

3. The Act of 2015 is amended— 15

(a) in section 5(2) by the deletion of “exceeding 0.05 hectares”,

(b) in section 6 by the insertion of the following after subsection (3):

“(4) The register, and the process by which sites are entered onto the register, shall be made available for inspection at the offices of the planning authority during office hours and publicly available online on the planning authority’s website in accordance with further regulations by the Minister under section 25.”, 20

(c) in section 16—

(i) by the insertion of inserting after subsection (1):

“(2A) The vacant site levy determined in accordance with subsection (1) will increase, in each subsequent year, by one percentage point for each full year on the register.”, 25

and

(ii) by the deletion of subsections (2) and (3).

Short title and citation 30

4. This Act may be cited as the Living Cities Act 2017.

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dá ngairtear

Acht do leasú an Achta um Láithreáin Thréigthe, 1990 chun an tobhach a chuirtear ar láithreáin thréigthe a mhéadú; dá áirithiú go ndéanfar clár na láithreán thréigthe arna thiomsú ag údarás áitiúil a chur ar fáil go poiblí ar shuíomh gréasáin an údaráis áitiúil; dá áirithiú go gcosnófar cearta úinéirí teaghaise atá tar éis aistriú go dtí cúram cónaithe agus a bhfuil láithreán thréigthe ar úinéireacht acu; do leasú an Achta um Athbheochan Uirbeach agus Tithe, 2015 chun an míniú ar “láithreán folamh” a leathnú chun go bhfolófar ann láithreáin faoi bhun 0.05 heicteár; dá áirithiú go ndéanfar na doiciméid a bhaineann le taifeadh láithreáin ar chlár na láithreán folamh a chur ar fáil go poiblí ar shuíomh gréasáin an údaráis áitiúil; do mhéadú an tobhaigh láithreáin fholaimh gach bliain dá éis sin; do mhéadú raon feidhme an tobhaigh chun go bhfolófar maoin atá faoi chothromas diúltach nó faoi chothromas íseal; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

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