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An Act to make further and better provision in relation to the enforcement of regulations under section 31A of the Health Act 1947; for that purpose, to make provision in relation to the prosecution of certain offences consisting of contraventions of those regulations, to provide for the payment of fixed sums by persons alleged to have committed certain such offences in lieu of their being prosecuted for those offences; to provide for the giving of directions by members of the Garda Síochána in certain circumstances; and to provide for matters connected therewith. [25th October, 2020]

WHEREAS the disease known as Covid-19 continues to present a very serious risk to public health, and the transmission thereof has proven difficult to prevent;

WHEREAS the crisis occasioned by the spread of that disease is causing and will continue to cause significant damage to the economy of the State resulting, thus far, in a substantial increase in the number of persons who have become unemployed and a substantial increase in the national debt;

WHEREAS certain measures and prohibitions put in place since the outbreak of that disease relating to the conduct and behaviour of members of society that were aimed at eliminating the disease, reducing the incidence of the disease and limiting its impact on the functioning of society and the economy, have not sufficiently reduced the incidence of the disease;

WHEREAS the measures adopted under section 31A of the Health Act 1947 for the purpose of eliminating, and reducing the incidence of, that disease and limiting its impact on society and the economy require to be supplemented by further measures;

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

### **Definition**

1. In this Act “Act of 1947” means the Health Act 1947.