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An Act to regulate the operation of early childhood development centres and to provide for other connected or incidental matters.

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PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title

- 1. This Act is the Early Childhood Development Centres Act 2017.

Interpretation

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
 - “applicant” means a person making an application;
 - “application”, in relation to a licence, means an application for or to renew a licence;