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An Act to amend the Planning and Development Act 2000; in response to disruption caused by restrictions introduced in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, to provide for an additional period for the preparation of development plans required by planning authorities, that planning authorities may extend the duration of existing development plans pending the preparation and making of new development plans, subject to the requirement to carry out certain environmental assessments, for notification of proposals to extend the duration of existing development plans to the Office of the Planning Regulator and other persons, for the further extension of the duration of the appropriate period of certain planning permissions; and to provide for amendments to section 181 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to include statutory undertakers and to the Fifth Schedule to that Act to provide for an additional condition the imposition of which does not attract compensation; and to provide for related matters. [10th July, 2021]

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

AND WHEREAS it has been and continues to be necessary for the State to be in a position to respond quickly and to take extraordinary measures to mitigate, to the extent practicable, the adverse economic consequences resulting, or likely to result, from the spread of that disease and to mitigate its impact on planning authorities and disruption to the administration of the planning and development system and to put in place contingency measures in order to ensure the continued effective operation of aspects of the planning process and to take into account the disruption to construction work caused by restrictions introduced in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and that persons have suffered substantial restrictions on their rights because it has not been possible for them to commence or continue development authorised in accordance with the Planning and Development Act 2000;

AND WHEREAS the Oireachtas has, with regard to *sections 2 to 8* of this Act, taken account of the matters referred to in the foregoing recitals;