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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR OFFENCES IN RELATION TO THE COMMISSION OF SEXUAL ACTS WITH CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 17 YEARS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

[2nd June, 2006]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

1.—In this Act—

Definitions.

“Act of 1981” means the Criminal Law (Rape) Act 1981;

“Act of 1990” means the Criminal Law (Rape) (Amendment) Act 1990;

“person in authority” means—

- (a) a parent, step-parent, guardian, grandparent, uncle or aunt of the victim,
- (b) any person who is, for the time being, in *loco parentis* to the victim, or
- (c) any person who is, for the time being, responsible for the education, supervision or welfare of the victim;

“sexual act” means—

- (a) an act consisting of—
 - (i) sexual intercourse, or
 - (ii) buggery,between persons who are not married to each other, or
- (b) an act described in section 3(1) or 4(1) of the Act of 1990;

“sexual intercourse” shall be construed in accordance with section 1(2) of the Act of 1981.

2.—(1) Any person who engages in a sexual act with a child who is under the age of 15 years shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for life or a lesser term of imprisonment. Defilement of child under 15 years of age.