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Purpose of the Bill

The purpose of this Bill is to amend and extend the Maternity Protection Act 1994 by providing for the postponement of maternity leave where a mother has been diagnosed with cancer or other serious illness during her pregnancy.

Section 1 contains definitions and defines cancer and other serious illness.

Section 2 provides for an amendment to the Maternity Protection Act 1994 by inserting a new Section after Section 14B. This new Section provides for the postponement of maternity leave or additional maternity leave in the event of a mother being diagnosed during pregnancy with cancer or another serious illness.

Section 3 contains provisions concerning citation and commencement.

Jim O'Callaghan, TD,

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