



**AN BILLE CRAOLACHÁIN (LEASÚ), 2023
BROADCASTING (AMENDMENT) BILL 2023**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Background

RTÉ holds Ireland's national video archives. It is in the public interest that this should be accessible to ordinary citizens.

Purpose of Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to amend the Broadcasting Act 2009 to improve public access to the RTÉ archives. RTÉ hold Ireland's largest video archives and one of the country's largest photo archives. The archive is not accessible to ordinary citizens. This Bill seeks to place an onus on RTÉ to make its archives more open and transparent.

Provisions of the Bill

Section 1 amends the Broadcasting Act 2009, to place legal responsibility on the Director General of RTÉ ensure the archive itself, and find aids, are accessible.

Section 2 is the standard provision dealing with the short title and commencement.

Patrick Costello, TD,

Feabhra, 2023.