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[No. 9.] *Health (Provision of Information) Act, 1997.* [1997.]

Acts Referred to

Data Protection Act, 1988

1988, No. 25

Health (Corporate Bodies) Act, 1961

1961, No. 27



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AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO THE NATIONAL CANCER REGISTRY BOARD, THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND CERTAIN HEALTH BODIES, FOR THE PURPOSES OF CANCER SCREENING PROGRAMMES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS. [1st April, 1997]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE OIREACHTAS AS FOLLOWS:

1.—(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Data Protection Act, 1988— Requests for and provision of information.

- (a) the National Cancer Registry Board (established under the Health (Corporate Bodies) Act, 1961), for the purposes of any of its functions, or
- (b) the Minister for Health or a health board, hospital or other body or agency participating in any cancer screening (including any breast or cervical cancer screening) programme authorised by the Minister for Health, for the purposes of compiling and maintaining a record of the names, addresses and dates of birth of persons who, for public health reasons, may be invited to participate in that programme,

may request from any person (including any data controller or data processor as defined in section 1 (1) of the Data Protection Act, 1988) information held by or in the possession of that person, and the person may provide that information as requested.

(2) Nothing in the Data Protection Act, 1988, shall prevent the Minister for Health or a health board, hospital or other body or agency referred to in *subsection (1) (b)* from providing—

- (a) to the Minister for Health, or to any other such health board, hospital or other body or agency, for the purposes of that programme, or
- (b) for the purposes of inviting persons to participate in that programme,

any information provided under *subsection (1)*.

2.—This Act may be cited as the Health (Provision of Information) Act, 1997. Short title.