

*These notes refer to the Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021 (c.7) which received Royal Assent on 26 August 2021*

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### Part 1

#### Licensing

##### *Section 13: Removal of requirement for children's certificate, etc.*

Subsection (1) repeals Article 59 of the Licensing Order (children's certificates) which required licensees to hold a children's certificate if they wished young people under 18 years of age to be allowed in areas of the premises which contained a bar or were used mainly or exclusively for the consumption of intoxicating liquor.

Subsections (2) and (3) amend Article 58 of the Licensing Order (prohibition of young persons from certain premises) to put safeguards in place before young people under 18 years of age are allowed in areas of the premises which contain a bar or are used mainly or exclusively for the consumption of intoxicating liquor. Meals must be available, a young person must be accompanied by an adult and sit away from the bar, and must leave the premises by 9.00pm (9.30pm if consuming a meal purchased before 9.00pm).

Subsections (4) to (7) make consequential amendments to Article 58 of the Licensing Order (prohibition of young people from certain premises), and to Article 60B (duty to display notice relating to age) to take account of the removal of the requirement for children's certificates.