

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 19: Restrictions on off-sales drinks promotions in supermarkets etc.

This section introduces new Article 57ZA in the Licensing Order (Restrictions on off-sales drink promotions in supermarkets etc.). Article 57ZA restricts the advertising of drinks promotions in supermarkets to the area in which intoxicating liquor may be displayed in such premises. Supermarkets and other licensed premises which sell intoxicating liquor for consumption at home will also not be allowed to advertise drinks promotions available in the premises within the vicinity of the premises, or any other premises licensed to sell for consumption off the premises.

Article 57ZA gives the Department a power to make regulations to amend the definition of vicinity. The regulations cannot come into operation unless and until approved by the Assembly. It also adds an offence (punishable by a fine up to £1,000) for carrying on a drinks promotion outside of the licensed area or anywhere in the vicinity of any premises licensed for the sale for consumption off the premises.

Subsection (2) makes a consequential amendment to Part 1 of Schedule 10A (penalty points for offences punishable with level 3 fine) to take account of the introduction of new Article 57ZA.