

*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 25: Code of practice*

This section introduces a new Article 76F in the Licensing Order (Code of practice) which allows the Department to approve a relevant code of practice produced by a person or group of persons who have a relevant interest in matters surrounding intoxicating liquor. Before approving a code of practice relating to the matters referred to in paragraph (3) of the new Article 76F, the Department must consult the PSNI. The Department may approve any subsequent amendments to a code or withdraw approval of the code.

When granting or transferring a licence a court must be satisfied that an applicant is aware of their responsibilities under an approved code of practice. Where a renewal of a licence has been submitted to the clerk of petty sessions, they must be satisfied that an applicant for renewal of a licence has been complying with the code.