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 26: Body corporate: change of directors

This section amends Article 4 of the Licensing Order (persons to whom licences may be granted) to require a body corporate (licensee) to notify the courts and police of any change of directorship within 28 days. It adds an offence (punishable by a fine up to £5,000) for not making such a notification.

Subsection (2) amends Article 72 of the Licensing Order (suspension of licence) to allow the suspension of a licence on the grounds that the body corporate is no longer fit to hold a licence, having not informed the courts and police of a change in directorship.

Subsection (3) makes a consequential amendment to Part 3 of Schedule 10A (penalty points for offences punishable with level 5 fine).