

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 9: Places of public entertainment: inclusion of cinemas

This section amends Article 2 of the Licensing Order (Interpretation) to add cinemas to the list of premises which are defined as a “place of public entertainment” and therefore eligible to apply for a licence to sell intoxicating liquor on the premises. It also amends Article 42(3) of the Licensing Order (general permitted hours) to include cinemas.

Cinemas will be permitted to sell intoxicating liquor between 11.30am and 11pm on Mondays to Saturdays between 12.30pm and 11pm on Sundays and between 12.30pm and 10pm on Christmas Day.

Sales are restricted during these hours to the period of the entertainment and 30 minutes immediately before and immediately after the entertainment.