

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 2

Registration of Clubs

Section 33: Increase in number of authorisations for special occasions

This section amends Article 26 of the Clubs Order (authorisation for special occasions) to increase the number of authorisations which can be granted by the police to any club in any year from 85 to 104.

Subsection (2) inserts new paragraphs (2A) and (2B) in Article 25 to give the Department the power to modify by regulations, subject to Assembly approval, the number of authorisations which can be granted for the time specified.

Subsection (3) inserts new paragraphs (5) to (9) in Article 26 to require a person applying for an authorisation under this Article, to display a notice of the application on or near the club premises for which the authorisation is sought during the three weeks before the first occasion to which the application relates. A copy of the notice must also be served on the district council. There is provision for complaints to be made to the courts where undue inconvenience is caused to local residents as a result of a late night authorisation. Courts are given the power to revoke an authorisation, modify the hours of an authorisation, or make an authorisation subject to such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, including any which may be requested by the district commander of the police of the district in which the club premises are situated.