

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 3

General

Section 42: Guidance

This section places a duty on the Department to produce and publish guidance on the effects of the licensing legislation and the registration of clubs legislation, the effects of the provisions of this Act and the practical implementation of Part 1, and any other matters it considers appropriate in relation to those issues.

Section 43: Review

This section requires the Department to review and report on each of the provisions in Parts 1 and 2 of this legislation as soon as is practicable after the third anniversary of the commencement of that provision and thereafter, at least once in every five years. The Department is required to lay each of these reports before the Assembly, and must then publish the reports.

The Department has a power to make regulations to discontinue these requirements, but not from any date earlier than the tenth anniversary of the Act receiving Royal Assent (26 August 2031). The regulations cannot come into operation unless and until approved by the Assembly.

Section 45: Minor and consequential amendments

This section provides that necessary consequential amendments to the Licensing Order and the Clubs Order are contained within Schedule 1 to the Act; and provides a power for the Department to make any regulations necessary to give full effect to the Act. Regulations which amend primary legislation cannot come into operation unless and until approved by the Assembly.