

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 4: Alignment of closing time for liquor and entertainment

This section adds a new Article 44C in the Licensing Order (Alignment of closing time for liquor and entertainment) to ensure that the entertainment provided during later opening under Article 44, or further later opening under Article 44A, is not allowed to continue after the end of “drinking-up time”. This ensures that entertainment must end at the latest at 2.00am when an Article 44 order applies and 3.00am when an Article 44A order applies.

New Article 44C(2) and (3) provides that where entertainment continues to be provided beyond the latest time for consumption of intoxicating liquor, the order for additional (or further) additional permitted hours is invalidated, and the sale of intoxicating liquor must cease at 11pm.