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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1996 No. 3158**

**The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996**

**[<sup>F1</sup>PART 4A**

**CLOSURE OF LICENSED PREMISES**

*[<sup>F1</sup>Closure of licensed premises in an identified district*

**F1** Pt. 4A inserted (10.12.2012) by [Licensing and Registration of Clubs \(Amendment\) Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2011 \(c. 18\), ss. 1\(1\), 18; S.R. 2012/420, art. 2, Sch.](#)

**Orders to close licensed premises in district experiencing disorder**

**69A.**—(1) Where there is or is expected to be disorder in any [<sup>F2</sup>place, a court of summary jurisdiction] may make an order requiring licensed premises which are situated at or near the place of the disorder or expected disorder to be closed for a period, not exceeding 24 hours, specified in the order.

(2) A court of summary jurisdiction may make an order under this Article only on the application of a police officer who is of the rank of superintendent or above.

(3) A court of summary jurisdiction may not make such an order unless it is satisfied that it is necessary to prevent disorder.

(4) Where an order is made under this Article, the holder of a licence or the licence holder's servant or agent shall be guilty of an offence if that person knowingly keeps any licensed premises to which the order relates open, or allows any such premises to be kept open, during the period of the order and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

(5) A constable may use such force as may be necessary for the purpose of closing premises ordered to be closed under this Article.]

**F2** Words in art. 69A(1) substituted (31.10.2016) by [Justice Act \(Northern Ireland\) 2015 \(c. 9\), s. 106\(2\), Sch. 1 para. 110\(15\)](#) (with [Sch. 8 para. 1](#)); [S.R. 2016/387, art. 2\(k\)](#) (with art. 3)

**Changes to legislation:**

The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, Cross Heading: Closure of licensed premises in an identified district is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 12 June 2024.

There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- [art. 57B](#) inserted by [2011 c. 18 \(N.I.\) s. 5](#)