
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 3158

The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996

PART IV

CONDUCT OF LICENSED PREMISES, ETC.

Special provision with respect to young persons

[^{F1}Test purchases of alcohol

60A.—(1) Articles 58 and 60(2)(a) and (4) do not apply in relation to a person under the age of 18 who is sent into licensed premises to purchase intoxicating liquor by a constable who is acting in the course of his duty.

(2) A constable may not send a person under the age of 18 into any licensed premises to purchase intoxicating liquor unless—

- (a) the constable is satisfied that all reasonable steps have been or will be taken to avoid any risk to the welfare of that person; and
- (b) that person and a parent of that person have both consented in writing to his being sent into those premises for that purpose.

(3) The Secretary of State shall issue guidance as to the exercise by constables of their powers under this Article.]

F1 Art. 60A inserted (8.12.2008) by [Criminal Justice \(Northern Ireland\) Order 2008 \(S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I. 1\)\)](#), arts. 1(4), **67**; [S.R. 2008/472](#), **art. 2(1)**, Sch. Pt. I para. 1

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Art. 60A(3): transfer of functions from Secretary of State to Department of Justice (12.4.2010) by [Northern Ireland Act 1998 \(Devolution of Policing and Justice Functions\) Order 2010 \(S.I. 2010/976\)](#), arts. 1(2), 4(1)(2), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 28-31); [S.I. 2010/977](#), **art. 1(2)**

Changes to legislation:

The Licensing (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, Section 60A is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 22 August 2023. 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](#)