

*These notes refer to the Licensing Act 2003 (c.17)  
which received Royal Assent on 10 July 2003*

## **LICENSING ACT 2003**

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### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

#### **COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS**

#### **Part 8: Closure of premises**

#### ***Section 160 – Order to close premises in an area experiencing disorder***

250. This section sets out the power to close all premises with a premises licence, or in respect of which a temporary event notice has effect, which are located in a particular geographical area for a period not exceeding 24 hours. The power is exercisable by a magistrates' court on application from a police officer of the rank of superintendent or above. It is exercisable only where the court thinks such an order is necessary to prevent disorder. It is an offence to keep open premises that are the subject of a closure order. Section 171(2) and (3) make provision about when premises are "open" for these purposes.