# **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

# LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF CLUBS (AMENDMENT) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2021

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