

*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 6: Extension of “drinking-up time”*

This section amends Article 46 of the Licensing Order (Exceptions from prohibition of sale etc., of intoxicating liquor outside permitted hours).

Subsection (1) amends Article 46(1) which provides for the duration of the “drinking-up time” at the end of normal opening hours or later opening in licensed premises, substituting the current “30 minutes” with “60 minutes”.

Subsection (2) provides the Department with a power to make regulations to allow “drinking-up time” to revert to 30 minutes. The regulations cannot come into operation unless and until approved by the Assembly.