
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1985 No. 1204

**The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and
Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985**

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS

Supplemental

Orders and regulations

186.—(1) The Department may by regulations provide that a court^{F1}. . . or, as the case may be, a district council—

(a) shall refuse—

- (i) to grant or renew a relevant licence, certificate or permit,
- (ii) to grant a gaming machine permit,
- (iii) to transfer a bookmaking office licence,
- (iv) to grant or renew the registration of a club under Part III,
- (v) to grant the registration of a society under Article 136, or
- (vi) to grant or renew a pleasure permit,

in such circumstances as may be prescribed by the regulations;

(b) may refuse—

- (i) to grant or renew a relevant licence, certificate or permit,
- (ii) to transfer a bookmaking office licence,
- (iii) to grant or renew the registration of a club under Part III, or
- (iv) to grant the registration of a society,

in such circumstances as may be so prescribed, without prejudice to any other grounds on which the grant or renewal could be refused apart from the regulations.

(2) In this Article “relevant licence, certificate or permit” means—

- (a) a bookmaker's licence;
- (b) a bookmaking office licence;
- (c) a bingo club licence;
- (d) a gaming machine certificate;
- (e) lottery certificate; or
- (f) an amusement permit.

(3) Regulations under paragraph (1) shall be subject to affirmative resolution.

Changes to legislation: *The Betting, Gaming, Lotteries and Amusements (Northern Ireland) Order 1985*,
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(4) Orders made by the Department under Articles 81(3) and 82(4) and, subject to paragraph (3), regulations shall be subject to negative resolution.

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Modifications of Schedules, amendments, transitional provisions and repeals

187.—(1) The provisions of^{F2} Schedule 2 may be modified by county court rules and the provisions of Schedules 1, 3] to 7, 9 to 14, 16 and 17 may be modified by magistrates' courts rules and any rules under this paragraph may make consequential modifications of this Order.

Para. (2)—Amendments

(3) The transitional provisions in Schedule 20 shall have effect for the purposes of this Order.

Para. (4)—Repeals

(5) The rules of law relating to common gaming houses are hereby abolished.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- Instrument applied by [1997 c. 16 s.15\(3\)](#)

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

- Act applied by [1997 c. 16 s.15\(3\)](#)

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

- art. 172A and cross-heading inserted by [2022 c. 14 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(1\)](#)
- art. 186(3A) inserted by [2022 c. 14 \(N.I.\) s. 15\(2\)\(a\)](#)