

*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 7: Offences**

#### ***Section 137 – Exposing alcohol for unauthorised sale***

221. This section makes it an offence to expose alcohol for sale by retail (see the definition in section 192) in circumstances where the sale would not be under and in accordance with a premises licence, club premises certificate or temporary event notice. The effect of this provision is that an offence can be committed in a case where no sale or attempted sale is in fact made. Subsection (4) provides that a court which convicts a person of this offence may order the confiscation of the alcohol in question and its containers, which may then be either destroyed or dealt with as the court orders.