



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Licensing and Registration of Clubs (Amendment) Bill
Notice of Amendments tabled on
2 June 2021 for Consideration Stage

Clause 2

The Member listed below gives notice of his intention to oppose the question that clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

Mr Jim Allister

Clause 4

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Mr Jim Allister

As an amendment to the amendment inserting a new clause entitled 'Sales and consumption of liquor in local producer's premises', tabled by the Chairperson of the Committee for Communities on 18 May 2021

Clause 8A(2) leave out '4 in the afternoon to 10 in the evening' and insert '12 in the afternoon to 11 in the evening'

Miss Rachel Woods [R]

New Clause

After clause 7 insert -

'Places of public entertainment: inclusion of cinemas

7A.—(1) In Article 2 of the Licensing Order (interpretation) in paragraph 2—

(a) in the definition of “place of public entertainment”, after sub-paragraph (a) insert—
“(aa) premises used for a film exhibition;”

(b) at the appropriate place insert—

“Film exhibition has the meaning assigned to it by Article 2 of The Cinemas (Northern Ireland) Order 1991 and means any premises licensed under Article 3 of this Order.”

(2) In Article 42(3) of the Licensing Order (general permitted hours) after “theatre” insert “or a premises used for a film exhibition”

Ms Claire Sugden

New Clause

Before clause 19 insert -

‘Independent review of the licensing system and surrender principle

18A.—(1) The Department for Communities must, not later than 6 months after the date of Royal Assent of this Act, appoint an independent person to undertake a review of the licensing system, including the operation of the ‘Surrender Principle’, in Northern Ireland.

(2) The Department must, so far as is reasonable, ensure that the review mentioned in subsection (1) has regard to—

- (a) the social, health, economic and industry competition impact of the current licensing system in Northern Ireland,
- (b) the distribution of licences in areas that are under-licensed, including but not limited to rural areas and tourist areas,
- (c) the functioning of the ‘Surrender Principle’, including legislative options for reform to allow for the creation of new liquor licences for sale on premises, including specific options for the creation of licenses based on clear community need,
- (d) draft options, where appropriate, to compensate existing license holders.

(3) The person must, not later than 1 year after their appointment, report and make recommendations on developing a liquor licensing system that is responsive to consumer and community needs in a changing social and economic environment, while taking due account of the public health concerns around alcohol-related health and social harms.

(4) The Department must—

- (a) lay the report before the Northern Ireland Assembly, and
- (b) arrange for it to be published.

(5) The Department for Communities must, not later than six months after the date of the publication of the report mentioned in subsection (3), publish an action plan for addressing the recommendations contained in the report.

(6) The Minister for Communities, must, not later than six months after the date of the publication of the report mentioned in subsection (3), make an oral statement to the Northern Ireland Assembly on the Department’s action plan for addressing the recommendations contained in the report.’

Mr Matthew O’Toole

New Clause

Before clause 19 insert -

‘Annual publication of the number of operational liquor licenses

18B.—(1) The Department for Communities shall publish an annual report on the operation of the liquor licensing system in Northern Ireland that includes for each year—

- (a) the number of Article 5(1)(a) and Article 5(1)(b) licenses in operation,
- (b) the number of operational public houses and their location by postcode,
- (c) a ten-year rolling horizon forecast for each of 1(a) and 1(b).’

Mr Matthew O’Toole