



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Dilapidation Bill

Notice of Amendments tabled on
13 May 2026 for Consideration Stage

Clause 2, Page 2, Line 2

Leave out ‘adversely affecting’ and insert ‘being detrimental to’

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Clause 4, Page 2, Line 41

At end insert ‘or relating to it being a heritage site’

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Clause 7, Page 4, Line 28

At end insert ‘or relating to it being a heritage site’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 4

Leave out ‘in a defective state,’ and insert ‘in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance,’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 5

Leave out ‘the defective state’ and insert ‘the state’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 10

Leave out from ‘and’ to end of line 11

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 12

Leave out ‘(a “defective premises notice”)’ and insert ‘an (“urgent abatement notice”)’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 13

Leave out ‘defective state’ and insert ‘state’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 15

Leave out ‘A defective premises notice’ and insert ‘An urgent abatement notice’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 16

Leave out ‘defective state’ and insert ‘state’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 18

Leave out ‘ a defective state’ and insert ‘such a state’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 21

Leave out ‘a defective premises notice’ and insert ‘an urgent abatement notice’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 22

Leave out ‘defective state’ and insert ‘state’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 24

Leave out ‘a defective premises notice’ and insert ‘an urgent abatement notice’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 26

Leave out ‘defective premises notice’ and insert ‘urgent abatement notice’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 34

Leave out ‘defective premises notice’ and insert ‘urgent abatement notice’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 38

Leave out ‘in a defective state’ and insert ‘in such a state as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance’

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Clause 11, Page 7, Line 40

Leave out ‘defective state’ and insert ‘state’

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Clause 12, Page 8, Line 30

Leave out ‘(defective premises notice)’ and insert ‘(urgent abatement notice)’

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Clause 12, Page 8, Line 35

Leave out ‘defective premises notice’ and insert ‘urgent abatement notice’

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Clause 16, Page 10, Line 19

Leave out subsections (1) and (2) and insert—

‘(1) Subject to subsection (2), a district council may serve on any person a notice requiring the person to give to the council, within a period or at times specified in the notice and in a form so specified, any information so specified which the council reasonably considers that it needs for the purposes of any function conferred on the council by this Act.

(2) The Department may by regulations make provision for restricting the information that may be required under subsection (1) and for determining the form in which the information is to be so required.’

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Clause 17, Page 11, Line 12

At beginning insert ‘For the purposes of this Act,’

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Clause 17, Page 11, Line 23

At beginning insert ‘For the purposes of this Act,’

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Clause 18, Page 12, Line 3

Leave out subsection (2) and insert—

‘(2) The power under this section (except in an emergency) is exercisable only—

- (a) with the consent of the occupier, or
- (b) in accordance with subsection (3A).’

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Clause 18, Page 12, Line 11

At end insert—

‘(3A) If it is shown to the satisfaction of a lay magistrate on complaint on oath—

- (a) that there are reasonable grounds for entering any land for any of the purposes mentioned in subsection (1)(a) to (e), and
- (b) that admission to the land has been refused, or a refusal is reasonably apprehended,

the lay magistrate may issue a warrant authorising an authorised officer of a district council to enter the land (if need be by force).

(3B) For the purposes of subsection (3A)(b), admission to land shall be regarded as having been refused if no reply is received to a request for admission within a reasonable period.

- (3C) A warrant authorises entry on one occasion only and that entry must be—
- (a) within one month from the date of the issue of the warrant, and
 - (b) at a reasonable time.’

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Clause 19, Page 12, Line 34

At beginning insert ‘Subject to subsection (2A),’

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Clause 19, Page 12, Line 36

At end insert—

‘(2A) Payment of a fixed penalty in relation to an offence under section 3(2) discharges liability for conviction in respect of failure to comply with a maintenance notice up to the date of payment of the fixed penalty (but if the person continues to fail to comply with the maintenance notice after having paid the fixed penalty, does not affect any criminal liability for continuing failure to comply with the maintenance notice after that date).’

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Clause 21, Page 13, Line 29

After ‘under’ insert ‘the same provision of this Act or under’

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Clause 25, Page 15, Line 25

Leave out ‘(defective premises notice)’ and insert ‘(urgent abatement notice)’

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New Clause

After clause 28 insert—

‘Review of Act

28A—(1) The Department must—

- (a) not later than 3 years after the commencement of this section, and
- (b) at least once in every 5 year period thereafter,

review, and publish a report on, the implementation of this Act,

(2) Regulations made by the Department under this section must set out the terms of the review.’

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Schedule 1, Page 19, Line 4

At beginning insert ‘Subject to section 19(2A),’

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