



Northern Ireland
Assembly

Justice Bill

Notice of Amendments tabled on
25 March 2026 for Consideration Stage

New Clause

After clause 30 insert—

‘Day of release from detention

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30A.—(1) The Prison and Young Offenders Centre Rules (Northern Ireland) 1995 are amended as follows.

(2) In rule 30 (Remission of sentence), leave out paragraph (6).

(3) After rule 30 insert—

“Day of release from detention

30A.—(1) A prisoner who would, apart from this paragraph, be discharged on a non-working day shall, subject to paragraph (2), be discharged on the last working day before that non-working day.

(2) The Department may direct that a prisoner who would, apart from this paragraph, be discharged on a working day immediately before a non-working day, must instead be discharged on a day referred to in paragraph (3).

(3) The days are—

(a) the last eligible working day before the day on which the prisoner would otherwise be discharged; or

(b) the last eligible working day before that eligible working day.

(4) In this rule—

“non-working day” means—

(a) a Sunday, Christmas Day or Good Friday,

- (b) a Saturday, except in the case of a person who is serving a term of fewer than 8 days,
- (c) a bank holiday;

“working day” means a day that is not a non-working day;

“eligible working day” means a working day that is not immediately followed by a non-working day;

“bank holiday” means any day that is a bank holiday in Northern Ireland under section 1 of the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.’’.

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