

Licensing Act 2003



Changes Since 2005:

- **Live Music Act 2012**
- **Ban on alcohol sales below cost of duty plus VAT**
- **Mandatory condition amendments**
- **Revised Section 182 Guidance (Latest Oct 2014)**
- **Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act**

Background to Proposed Changes



- Red Tape Challenge
- Deregulation Consultation
- Fees Consultation/Hemming Case



Deregulation Bill 2014



1. Changes to TEN
2. Abolish Personal Licence Renewals
3. Local Late Night Refreshment Exemptions
4. Loss/theft of licence
5. Deregulate films at Community Premises
6. Community & Ancillary Sellers Notice

Community & Ancillary Sellers Notice



1. Similar to a TEN
2. Small businesses/community groups who sell small amounts of alcohol
3. Low cost, lasts 3 years



Deregulation of Regulated Entertainment



1. Extend Live Music Act –up to 500 people
2. Live music & recorded music
3. Crossed Activity Exemptions:
 - Activities hosted by LA's, hospitals, nurseries, schools (no audience limit)
 - Activities held on LA, hospital, nursery, schools (up to 500)
 - Community Premises –church, village halls (up to 500)
 - Circuses - (no audience limit)



Locally Set Fees



- Consultation 2014
- Hemming Case Supreme Court Appeal
- One annual fee day



Late Night Levy

- Discretionary power to raise 'levy' from late opening alcohol suppliers
- Under 2% Local authorities adopted Levy e.g. Newcastle, Southampton, Nottingham
- Rejected in some local authorities as not financially viable/detrimental to licensed trade



Newcastle Levy



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Early Morning Restriction Orders



- Unpopular measure
- Restrict alcohol sales whole/part of area



Super Strength Schemes

- **Voluntary Schemes**
- **Restrict sale of beer, lager, cider above agreed ABV**



Super Strength Scheme Example



Ipswich:

- 49% decrease in street drinking
- 21% decrease in size of drinking community
- 80 out of 130 off-licences participating in scheme

Final Overview

- Many proposed legislative changes in 2015
- Possible financial implications for licensing section
- Statement of Licensing Act Policy to be re-published in 2015

