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An Act to amend the Licensing Act 2003 so that licensing hours orders can be made by negative resolution statutory instrument.

[12th February 2026]

BE IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

## 1 Procedure for making licensing hours orders

In section 197 of the Licensing Act 2003 (regulations and orders)—

(a) in subsection (3), omit paragraph (d);

(b) in subsection (4), omit "(d),";

(c) omit subsection (5).

## 2 Extent, commencement and short title

(1) This Act extends to England and Wales only.

(2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.

(3) This Act may be cited as the Licensing Hours Extensions Act 2026.

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