

# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

## RETAIL TRADING HOURS AMENDMENT BILL 2003 (No. E211)

*(Introduced by Mr. D. F. Barron-Sullivan, MLA)*

### **Clause 1.**

Provides the short title of the Act.

### **Clause 2.**

Provides for the Act to come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

### **Clause 3.**

The amendments in this Act are to the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987*.

### **Clause 4—Section 12 amended**

Clause 4 amends Section 12 of the principal Act by inserting after subsection (1b) the following new subsection—

“(1c) An order made under subsection (1a) or an amendment or revocation made under subsection (1b) is to be regarded as a regulation for the purposes of section 42 of the *Interpretation Act 1984*.”.

The amendment will mean that an order made under Section 12 of the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987* will effectively be treated, for the purposes of the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987* only, as a regulation and thus subject to the disallowance provision contained in section 42 of the *Interpretation Act 1984*.