THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

25th November, 2026

Proposition No. P.2026/75

Committee *for* Health & Social Care

The Tattooing, Piercing, Acupuncture and Electrolysis (Guernsey and Alderney) (Amendment) Ordinance, 2026

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy S Rochester
Seconded by: Deputy G Oswald

To insert, immediately after the words "Ordinance of the States", the following words ", subject to the following amendments:

(a) after section 1(4), insert –

"(5) In the definition of "a relevant offence" in section 20(1), after "this Law," delete "or", and at the end insert "or any other offence prescribed for this purpose in regulations made by the Committee,", and

(b) in section 3 (commencement), for "the 1st December, 2026" substitute "the date appointed by regulations made by the Committee and regulations under this section shall be laid before the States as soon as possible after being made.".

Rule 4(1) Information

a) The proposition contributes to the States' objectives and policy plans by ensuring the safeguarding of children can be enforced.

b) This is a Committee amendment.

c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty's Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.

d) There are no financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.

e) Drafting advice has been sought from the States' Greffier.

Explanatory Note

The amendment of section 1(3) and 8(2) of the Tattooing, Piercing, Acupuncture and Electrolysis (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 2000 to permit specified piercing operations on persons aged 16 and 17, has inadvertently led to safeguarding concerns, specifically whether individuals undertaking specified piercing procedures on 16 and 17-year-olds should be subject to Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) or equivalent criminal record checks.

This amendment provides the Committee for Health & Social Care with the power to widen the definition of a "relevant offence" in regulations made by the Committee. This will ensure that the Committee is able to put appropriate safeguarding measures in place to protect minors.

A consequential amendment is that the commencement date will also be prescribed by regulations, so that the Amendment Ordinance will not come into force before the definition is widened in regulations, to ensure that relevant safeguarding measures for minors are in place.