

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (JERSEY) LAW 2011 (APPOINTED DAY) ACT 201-

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by the Minister for Home Affairs**

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REPORT

The Fire and Rescue Service (Jersey) Law 2011 ('the Law') was approved by the States of Jersey on 19th July 2011. It subsequently received Privy Council approval on 16th November 2011.

The Law updates the statutory requirement to provide for the maintenance and functions of the States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service. It will replace the Fire Service (Jersey) Law 1959, which was introduced at a time when the Service was only expected to focus on fighting fires; since then, the role of the Service has changed significantly.

The new statutory requirements and revisions in the Law are already being delivered by the Fire and Rescue Service, who are trained and equipped to deal with a wide range of emergencies, but without any statutory requirement to do so. Existing powers already enable a firefighter to do whatever he or she believes to be necessary to extinguish or prevent a fire. The Law expands these powers, supporting the operational activities of a firefighter at road collisions, land and sea rescues and other emergencies.

This new framework of powers and duties will equip Jersey's Fire and Rescue Service to meet future challenges. It enables the Minister to decide, in consultation with the community, how and where to deploy the Service's resources. The Law therefore provides a stronger basis for the Service's ability to respond to the range of risks. It also imposes on the Minister for Home Affairs a range of statutory duties to promote fire safety, and to prepare for fighting fires and protecting people and property from fires; rescuing people from road traffic collisions; dealing with inshore sea rescues, cliff rescues and firefighting at sea; and dealing with other specific emergencies, such as flooding or terrorist attack, which may be specified by Order and can be amended in line with how the role of the Service may change in the future.

There are 2 subordinate Orders, which will come into force in line with the Law. These are the Fire and Rescue Service (Charges) (Jersey) Order 201- and the Fire and Rescue Service (Emergencies and Humanitarian Services) (Jersey) Order 201-.

The draft Appointed Day Act will bring the Law into force with effect from 1st March 2012.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no additional financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of this draft Act.

Explanatory Note

This Act will bring the Fire and Rescue Service (Jersey) Law 2011 into force on 1st March 2012.



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Made [date to be inserted]

Coming into force [date to be inserted]

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 35(2) of the Fire and Rescue Service (Jersey) Law 2011¹, have made the following Act –

1 Commencement of Law

The Fire and Rescue Service (Jersey) Law 2011² shall come into force on 1st March 2012.

2 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Fire and Rescue Service (Jersey) Law 2011 (Appointed Day) Act 201-.

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- ¹ *L.26/2011*
² *L.26/2011*