

STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT SHOPS (REGULATION OF OPENING AND DELIVERIES) (JERSEY) LAW 200- (P.111/2009): AMENDMENT

**Lodged au Greffe on 5th October 2009
by Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Clement**

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In paragraph (1) omit the words “, Good Friday, Christmas Day or Liberation Day”.

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REPORT

This is a minor amendment which aims to preserve the character of two specific festivals and our 'national day'.

The legislation without this amendment would allow the States by regulation to –

- (a) give the Minister order-making powers to declare a special occasion; and
- (b) allow a Connétable to grant a blanket permit to open on a special occasion.

Thus allowing certain shops to open not only on Sundays but also on these 3 days of the year.

If members accept this amendment the Minister will still retain his or her order making powers and a Connétable would still be able to grant a blanket permit but those powers would no longer apply to these 3 specific days.

I expect that most members will welcome the overall changes that Draft Shops Law proposes. The difficulty with this legislation is that most, if not all, of any contentious provisions will be included in regulations, of which members are yet to have sight.

It seems to me appropriate to have protection of these three days in primary legislation in order to safeguard their uniqueness for the future.

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications.