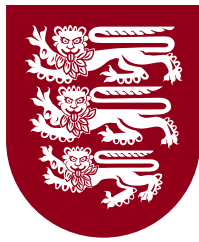


STATES OF JERSEY



Jersey

DRAFT DOMESTIC ABUSE (JERSEY) LAW 2022 (APPOINTED DAY) ACT 202-

**Lodged au Greffe on 26th April 2023
by the Minister for Home Affairs
Earliest date for debate: 13th June 2023**

STATES GREFFE

Report

If approved this Act will bring into force the [Domestic Abuse \(Jersey\) Law 2022](#) which was approved by the Assembly on 28th April 2022 ([Proposition P.69/2022](#)).

Domestic abuse has a negative impact on people and communities. It can lead to many ill effects including physical injury, fear and low self-esteem and it has an adverse impact upon mental health.

The Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law (“the Law”) will create a new criminal offence of domestic abuse including coercive and controlling behaviour. It will also allow the courts to issue domestic abuse protection orders (DAPO’S) which are issued to prevent a person who has committed domestic abuse or a similar offence, from committing further domestic abuse. It will further allow the courts to require a person who has been convicted of a domestic abuse or similar offence, to provide information to the police.

Ultimately, the Law sets out new offences and fills the gaps in the current legislation to ensure that the police and the courts have the relevant tools to safeguard and support our victims.

Financial and manpower implications

There may be some additional requirements of the States of Jersey Police in administering the notification requirements for domestic abusers but those will be managed within the resources of the Force.

Human Rights

The Law Officers’ Department has indicated that the Law does not give rise to any human rights issues.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022 (Appointed Day) Act 202-, if passed, will bring into force the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022 7 days after the Act is made.



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DRAFT DOMESTIC ABUSE (JERSEY) LAW 2022 (APPOINTED DAY) ACT 202-

Made [date to be inserted]

Coming into force [date to be inserted]

THE STATES make this Act under Article 19 of the [Domestic Abuse \(Jersey\) Law 2022](#) –

1 Commencement of Law

The [Domestic Abuse \(Jersey\) Law 2022](#) comes into force 7 days after this Act is made.

2 Citation

This Act may be cited as the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022 (Appointed Day) Act 202-.