

STATES OF JERSEY



ROAD TRAFFIC: OFFENCES AND PENALTIES (P.23/2025): AMENDMENT

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Substitute the words “to create a new” with the words “, having consulted relevant stakeholders, to create an”.

After the word “accident” insert the words “and to provide assistance to any injured persons,”.

After the words “fatal injury, with the” insert the word “maximum”.

DEPUTY C.D. CURTIS OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL

Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

to request the Minister for Infrastructure, **having consulted relevant stakeholders, to create an** offence under the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956 for failing to stop and report an accident **and to provide assistance to any injured persons,** following a serious or fatal injury, with the **maximum** penalties for such an offence to include, but not limited to, a lifetime driving disqualification and to bring any necessary legislation to implement such offence before the Assembly.

REPORT

This amendment adds several phrases which refine the original proposition. The phrase “and to provide assistance to any injured persons” is not included in the Road Traffic (Jersey) Law 1956 but must be considered an essential way to potentially save lives and reduce the effects of serious injury. Also included in the amendment is the requirement to consult relevant stakeholders to create an offence, and the word “maximum” added in front of the word “penalties” to allow appropriate discretion to remain with the Courts, with the focus still being on lifetime driving disqualifications.

Financial and staffing implications

Financial and staffing implications would be limited to legislative drafting time.

Children’s Rights Impact Assessment

A Children’s Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) has been prepared in relation to this proposition and is available to read on the States Assembly website.