

**DRAFT STATUTORY NUISANCES (JERSEY) LAW 199 (P.40/98):  
SECOND AMENDMENT**

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## Report

It has been said that a law should not be judged by the good it can do, but by the potential it has for doing harm.

Article 10, as it stands, allows for an 'authorised person' to access any property, at any time, to determine whether a statutory nuisance exists or not.

An 'authorised person', acting under this law, has no need to enter premises unless he has genuine reason to believe that a statutory nuisance exists, or is about to.

I believe this article gives powers that are unnecessarily open to abuse, and my amendment seeks to define under what circumstances an 'authorised person' may enter private or commercial premises.

**Explanatory Note**

The object of this amendment is to limit the power of entry to premises by an authorized person to occasions when he has reasonable suspicion that a statutory nuisance exists or will exist on those premises.

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*In paragraph (1) after the word “time” in the third line there shall be inserted the words “if he suspects on reasonable grounds that a statutory nuisance exists or will exist on those premises”.*

DEPUTY G.C.L. BAUDAINS OF ST. CLEMENT