

STATES OF DELIBERATION

28th January, 2015

Billet d'État No. II Article 2

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy P L Gillson

Seconded by: Deputy P Le Pelley

Requête Liberation Day, 2015 (And Future Years) – Proposal for a Public Holiday on a Weekday

To insert the following proposition between Propositions 2 and 3:

“2A. That the opening of shops for the serving of customers on the 9th of May in every year shall, from such time as the necessary legislation can be brought into force, be subject to the same restrictions and requirements as are from time to time applicable to the opening of shops for the serving of customers on Sundays.”.

Explanatory note

Over the last few years a greater number of larger shops have taken the decision to open on Liberation Day, the increased commercialisation of Liberation Day risks, over time, adversely affecting the significance of the day. This amendment would bring Liberation day within the scope of the Sunday Trading legislation as if it were a Sunday. Whilst not an ideal solution, it is pragmatic in not requiring significant legislative drafting time.

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Proposed by: Deputy J Kuttelwascher

Seconded by: Deputy R A Perrot

To replace the Propositions as follows:

- “1. That with effect from 2016 the first Monday in May shall not be a public holiday.
2. That when in any year the 9th of May falls on a Saturday or Sunday there shall be a public holiday on the nearest practicable weekday.
3. To direct the preparation of such legislation as may be necessary to give effect to their above decisions.”.

Explanatory Note

The effect of this amendment would be that the scheduled public holidays on Monday 4th and Saturday 9th May 2015 are not changed or supplemented; and that from 2016 onwards the first Monday in May would not be a public holiday in Guernsey but when Liberation Day falls on Saturday or Sunday either the Friday before or the Monday after Liberation Day would be a public holiday.