

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

Proposition No. P.2026/4

**REQUÊTE**

**REVISED AGE LIMITS FOR BODY PIERCING**

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy G Oswald

Seconded by: Deputy M Malik

In Proposition 1, to insert immediately after “2025” the following:

“, subject to –

- (a) deleting the words “cartilage and” in paragraph 5 of the Requête,
- (b) deleting the definition of “cartilage piercing” inserted into section 1(3) of the Tattooing, Piercing, Acupuncture and Electrolysis (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 2000 (“the 2000 Law”) at clause 1(2) of the draft Ordinance in Appendix 1, and
- (c) deleting the words “cartilage piercing and” in substituted section 8(2) of the 2000 Law set out in clause 1(3) of the draft Ordinance in Appendix 1”.

**Rule 4(1) Information**

- a) The proposition contributes to the States’ objectives and policy plans by ensuring reforms are consistent with public health objectives.
- b) The Committee *for* Health & Social Care was consulted.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) There are no financial implications to the States of carrying the proposal into effect.

e) Drafting advice has been sought from the States' Greffier.

Explanatory note

This amendment would change the amendment to section 8(2) of the Tattooing, Piercing, Acupuncture and Electrolysis (Guernsey and Alderney) Law, 2000 to remove the reduction for cartilage piercing. The new proposed wording for section 8(2)(a) would be:

“the operation involves only non-intimate piercing, including lip piercing but excluding surface piercings, stretchers and flesh tunnels, on a person of 16 or 17 years of age, and”.

It also removes the inserted definition of cartilage piercing.

Expert opinion indicates that piercings through cartilage puts all those who undergo these procedures at significant risk of long lasting and potentially life changing complications. Such piercings should not be allowed in those under the age of 18 years. This amendment seeks to remove the risk entailed.