

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

17th June, 2020

Proposition No. P.2020/42

COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Modernisation of the Abortion (Guernsey) Law, 1997

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy T J Stephens

Seconded by: Deputy J P Le Tocq

To delete proposition 3 and substitute therefor:

- "3. To agree to amend the Law so that whatever gestational threshold applies for abortion procedures falling within section 3(1)(d) of the Law also applies to those falling within section 3(1)(c) of the Law, except in cases of diagnosis by an appropriate health practitioner of a fatal foetal abnormality and that a diagnosis of fatal foetal abnormality shall not include a diagnosis that a foetus or child has a non-fatal condition such as Down's Syndrome or a cleft palate."

Explanatory note

This amendment would have the effect of ensuring that there is no discrimination on the basis of disability and that all abortions (other than those necessary to save the life of, or to prevent grave or permanent injury to, a pregnant woman) are carried out to the same gestational limit, except where the foetus is diagnosed as having a fatal abnormality. A diagnosis of fatal foetal abnormality shall not include a diagnosis that a foetus or child has a non-fatal condition such as Down's Syndrome or a cleft palate.