

**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 J P Le Tocq  
Seconded by: Deputy A C Dudley-Owen

In proposition 4: –

- (a) for “24 weeks” substitute:  
"22 weeks, or the point of foetal viability as determined at that time,” and
- (b) delete:  
", as described in paragraph 5.29 of this Policy Letter".

**Explanatory note**

Foetal viability has been a key argument used to support gestational thresholds for abortion. Viability has improved significantly since the UK Law was introduced in 1990. This amendment seeks to ensure that the time limits for abortions in Guernsey keep pace with the latest developments.