

**DRAFT SHOPS (SUNDAY TRADING) (AMENDMENT No. 3)
(JERSEY) LAW 199**

**Lodged au Greffe on 20th July 1999
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Report

For a number of years now the remembrance and celebration of Liberation Day has been changing, and in many people's eyes is declining to the detriment of our local heritage. I believe that there is a desire to revitalize Jersey's special day so that those who want to remember in an appropriate way and those who want to celebrate may be free to do so.

In recent years a number of national multiple retail outlets have increasingly been opening their doors to trade on Liberation Day, as it does not appear to have the same meaning to a United Kingdom operation as it does to the local population. These stores opening can put pressure on other retailers to open, and this has been witnessed quite recently with the growing number of retailers opening and consequently requiring staff to operate the business.

Included in the Sunday Trading debate last year was a proposal similar to that which I am making, but because the project did not progress to the particular proposal regarding Liberation Day, it did not get debated. I understand that the Constables' Supervisory Committee at the time considered it appropriate, and from the discussions I had with some members there appeared to be considerable support for this part of the project.

It is worth noting that under the Public Holidays and Bank Holidays (Jersey) Act 1952, May 9th is to be observed as a public holiday and a bank holiday and the banks are accordingly required to close for the transaction of banking business with the public.

Under the Public Markets (Administration) (Jersey) Regulations 1947, the markets are not required to be open on a bank holiday (which includes May 9th by virtue of the 1952 Act of the States).

It is the intention of my proposition to gain a similar respect and recognition for Liberation Day as we have for Christmas Day and Good Friday, and to ensure that as many people as possible are free to remember, commemorate and enjoy Jersey's Liberation Day. I believe this is an opportunity for the States to show its commitment to such an important part of our heritage.

Explanatory Note

This draft Law further amends the Shops (Sunday Trading) (Jersey) Law 1960 so that, for the purposes of that Law, Liberation Day is to be treated as a Sunday.

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A LAW to further amend the Shops (Sunday Trading) (Jersey) Law 1960; sanctioned by Order of Her Majesty in Council of the

(Registered on the day of 199)

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The day of 199

THE STATES, subject to the sanction of Her Most Excellent Majesty in Council, have adopted the following Law -

ARTICLE 1

In Article 1 of the Shops (Sunday Trading) (Jersey) Law 1960, as amended,¹ in the definition “Sundays”, for the words “and Christmas Day” there shall be substituted the words “, Christmas Day and Liberation Day (the ninth day of May)”.

ARTICLE

This Law may be cited as the Shops (Sunday Trading) (Amendment No. 3) (Jersey) Law 199 .

¹ Tome VIII, page 835.