

STATES OF JERSEY

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DRAFT DOGS (LICENCE DUTY) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 200

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REPORT

The fees from dog licences are credited to the Roads Account of the Parish in which the dog is licensed. The expenses incurred by a Connétable in connection with stray dogs which have been seized by the Connétable are defrayed out of the Roads Account of the parish in which they are incurred. Costs include serving notice on the owner and caring for a dog which has been seized, although there is provision for the owner of a stray dog to pay all expenses incurred by reason of the dog's detention.

The fee for a dog licence was last increased on 1st January 1980. There has been movement in the retail price index of approximately 390% from December 1979 to date and an increase to £5 is therefore less than the increase in cost-of-living in that period.

The Connétables have reviewed the Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961 and consider there are a number of changes that should be made to bring the law up to date. A bid for law-drafting time in 2005 was made but the item has received a very low priority. Changes could include making provision for a lower dog licence fee; for example for elderly persons who might otherwise have difficulty in paying a higher fee. Until such a change is made to the law however, there is a single fee for each dog and the Connétables believe increasing the duty to £5 is reasonable and should not cause hardship to a dog-owner.

These draft Regulations have no implications for the financial or manpower resources of the States.

Explanatory Note

These Regulations increase the fee payable on the issue of a dog licence from £2 to £5, with effect from 1st January 2005. The fee was last increased on 1st January 1980.



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Made

[date to be inserted]

Coming into force

1st January 2005

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 2 of the Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961,^[1] have made the following Regulations –

1 Amount of duty

The duty paid on a licence issued under Article 4 of the Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961^[2] shall be £5.

2 Repeal

The Dogs (Amount of Duty) (Jersey) Regulations 1979^[3] are repealed.

3 Citation and commencement

These Regulations may be cited as the Dogs (Licence Duty) (Jersey) Regulations 200- and shall come into force on 1st January 2005.

[1] *Recueil des Lois, Volume 1961-1962, page 352 and Volume 1966-1967, page 723.*

[2] *Recueil des Lois, Volume 1961-1962, page 352.*

[3] *No. 6742.*