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CRIME (STRANGULATION) (JERSEY) LAW 202-

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A LAW to introduce a statutory offence of strangulation.

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

1 Offence of strangulation

- (1) A person (“A”) commits an offence and is liable to imprisonment for a term of 10 years and to a fine if A deliberately strangles another person (“B”).
- (2) A has a defence if A proves, on the balance of probabilities, that –
 - (a) B consented to the strangulation; and
 - (b) either –
 - (i) B did not suffer serious harm; or
 - (ii) B suffered serious harm, but A did not intend to cause B serious harm and was not reckless as to whether B would suffer serious harm.
- (3) In this Article –

“serious harm” includes loss of consciousness;

“strangle” includes –

 - (a) to suffocate;
 - (b) to choke;
 - (c) to restrict a person’s breathing by any means; and
 - (d) to restrict the flow of blood to a person’s brain by any means.

2 Customary law offences unaffected

Nothing in this Law limits or otherwise affects any customary law offence, including in particular the offences of common assault and grave and criminal assault.

3 Citation and commencement

This Law may be cited as the Crime (Strangulation) (Jersey) Law 202- and comes into force on a day to be specified by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs by Order.