

THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR GAZETTE

No. 5263 GIBRALTAR Thursday 30th October 2025

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BILL

FOR

AN ACT to prohibit sexual orientation and gender identity conversion therapy; and for connected purposes.

ENACTED by the Legislature of Gibraltar.

Title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Conversion Therapy (Prohibition) Act 2025.

Commencement.

2. This Act comes into operation on the day of publication.

Conversion therapy: prohibition.

- 3.(1) It is an offence for any person to practise, or to offer to practise, conversion therapy.

(2) In this section, “conversation therapy” means-

- (a) any form of therapy which demonstrates an assumption that any sexual orientation or gender identity is inherently preferable to any other and which has the predetermined purpose of attempting to change a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity; but
- (b) does not include therapy that relates to-
 - (i) a person’s gender transition; or
 - (ii) a person’s exploration of their sexual orientation or identity or to its development.

- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section shall be liable-

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale;

- (b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine.

Regulations.

4. The Minister may by regulations make further provision as to-

- (a) what is, or what is not, to be treated as conversion therapy for the purposes of section 3;
- (b) the circumstances in which section 3 does not apply.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill makes it an offence to provide or offer to provide conversion therapy. The offence is limited to a formalised or established intervention in the form of therapy and excludes any form of therapy which relates to a person's exploration of their sexual orientation or identity or to its development. It also excludes any therapy that relates to a person's gender transition. It would not criminalise conversations in which a person expresses an opinion on sexual orientation or gender identity unless it forms part of therapy which demonstrates an assumption that any sexual orientation or gender identity is inherently preferable and has the predetermined purpose of attempting to change a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.