



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 729**

LCO No. 1220

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:

SEN. DEBICELLA, 21<sup>st</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE JUSTIFIABLE USE OF FORCE BY A HOMEOWNER AGAINST AN INTRUDER.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That section 53a-20 of the general statutes be amended to create a
- 2 rebuttable presumption that if an intruder enters a private home, it is
- 3 reasonable for the homeowner to believe the intruder is about to use
- 4 deadly physical force or inflict great bodily harm, thereby justifying
- 5 the use of equivalent defensive measures against the intruder.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To permit a homeowner to justifiably use physical force to respond in kind to an intruder by creating a presumption that it is reasonable for a homeowner to believe that an intruder is about to use deadly force or inflict great bodily harm.