



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 123

LCO No. 341

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
SEN. WITKOS, 8th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF ONE'S HOME.

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 provide
- 2 that there shall be a presumption that the belief of a person while in his
- 3 or her dwelling that the use of deadly physical force is necessary to
- 4 defend himself or herself or another person, or to prevent a trespasser
- 5 from committing arson or a crime of violence, or to prevent or
- 6 terminate an unlawful entry by force into such person's dwelling, is a
- 7 reasonable belief.

Statement of Purpose:

To permit homeowners to protect themselves and family members from intrusion without fear of prosecution.