



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 431

LCO No. 2278



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING PERJURY COMMITTED BY EXPERT WITNESSES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 53a-156 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

3 (a) A person is guilty of perjury if, in any official proceeding, such
4 person intentionally, under oath or in an unsworn declaration under
5 sections 1-65aa to 1-65hh, inclusive, makes a false statement, swears,
6 affirms or testifies falsely, to a material statement which such person
7 does not believe to be true.

8 (b) In any prosecution for an offense under this section, it shall be an
9 affirmative defense that the actor was coerced into committing such
10 offense by another person in violation of section 53a-192.

11 (c) Perjury is a class D felony, except that, if the person guilty of
12 perjury is an expert witness, such person, in addition to a term of
13 imprisonment, if any, shall be fined not less than three thousand

14 dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	53a-156

Statement of Purpose:

To increase the criminal penalty for an expert witness who commits perjury.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]