



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5279

LCO No. 697



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING OATHS TAKEN BY PERSONS EMPLOYED OR ASSOCIATED WITH CIVIL PREPAREDNESS ORGANIZATIONS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 28-12 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 No person shall be employed or associated in any capacity in any
4 civil preparedness organization established under this chapter who
5 advocates a change by force or violence in the constitutional form of
6 the government of the United States or of this state or the overthrow of
7 any government in the United States by force or violence, or who has
8 been convicted of or is under indictment or information charging any
9 subversive act against the United States. Each person who is appointed
10 to serve in an organization for civil preparedness shall, before entering
11 upon his or her duties, and [annually] every five years thereafter, take
12 an oath orally before a local civil preparedness officer or officers
13 empowered by the commissioner to enlist volunteers, which oath shall
14 be substantially as follows: "I, ..., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I
15 will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the

16 Constitution of the state of Connecticut, against all enemies, foreign
17 and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that
18 I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose
19 of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon
20 which I am about to enter." Each local civil preparedness officer shall
21 provide to the department a roster of sworn volunteer civil
22 preparedness force members on or before the fifteenth of August each
23 year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	28-12

Statement of Purpose:

To require a person employed or associated with a civil preparedness organization to take a loyalty oath every five years instead of annually.

[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.]