



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5224

LCO No. 150



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
REP. VAIL, 52nd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON'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 if a person believes that deadly physical force is necessary to
- 3 prevent or terminate an unlawful entry by force into such person's
- 4 dwelling or to prevent the commission of arson or a crime of violence
- 5 by a trespasser, there shall be a rebuttable presumption that such belief
- 6 was a reasonable belief.

Statement of Purpose:

To fully adopt the "castle doctrine" by establishing a rebuttable presumption that when a homeowner believes it necessary to use deadly force to repel an intruder then that belief is a reasonable belief.