



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5653**

LCO No. 1117



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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:

REP. CANDELORA, 86th Dist.

REP. DEVLIN, 134th Dist.

REP. O'DEA, 125th Dist.

REP. PERILLO, 113th Dist.

REP. REBIMBAS, 70th Dist.

REP. ZUPKUS, 89th Dist.

**AN ACT AMENDING THE CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AND PUBLIC  
HEALTH EMERGENCY STATUTES.**

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

1 That (1) section 28-9 of the general statutes be amended to redefine  
2 "serious disaster" to exclude pandemics, to limit the duration of a  
3 declaration of a civil preparedness emergency to no more than thirty  
4 days, provided such duration may be extended for an additional thirty  
5 days by a majority vote of the joint committee described in said section  
6 and to delete the reference to section 19a-131a in subsection (b)(1), and  
7 (2) section 19a-131a of the general statutes be amended to add additional  
8 parameters for the modification or suspension of law, including, but not  
9 limited to, by requiring specific reasons for such modification or  
10 suspension and requiring a defined period for such modification or  
11 suspension, but no longer than six months unless revoked.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To update our civil preparedness and public health emergency statutes and executive order emergency powers to reflect emerging threats, and to retain a legislative role in defining the duration of such powers.