



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 362**

LCO No. 1243



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:  
SEN. SAMPSON, 16<sup>th</sup> Dist.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON'S HOME,  
MOTOR VEHICLE OR BUSINESS.***

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 fully enact
- 2 the castle doctrine in order to provide that if a person believes that
- 3 deadly physical force is necessary to prevent or terminate an unlawful
- 4 entry by force into such person's dwelling, motor vehicle or place of
- 5 business, or to prevent the commission of arson or a crime of violence
- 6 by a trespasser and that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that
- 7 such belief was a reasonable belief.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a rebuttable presumption in a self-defense claim that, when a person believes it necessary to use deadly force to repel an intruder, such belief is a reasonable belief.