



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6078

LCO No. 1831



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Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
REP. FISHBEIN, 90th Dist.

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF
EXTENSIONS OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS AND LIMITING
THEIR DURATION.***

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

1 That sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the general statutes be amended to
2 (1) require any extension of a governor's declaration of a public health
3 or civil preparedness emergency to be submitted to and approved by a
4 majority vote of a joint legislative committee consisting of the president
5 pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives
6 and the majority and minority leaders of the House of Representatives
7 and Senate, (2) limit any initial extension of either such emergency to a
8 duration of not more than thirty days, and (3) require any subsequent
9 extensions of either such emergency to be submitted to the General
10 Assembly for consent and approval by a two-thirds vote of the
11 membership of the House of Representatives and a two-thirds vote of
12 the membership of the Senate and to be limited to a duration of not more
13 than sixty days.

Statement of Purpose:

To restore the power of the legislative branch during civil preparedness and public health emergencies by requiring legislative approval of extensions of such emergencies and limiting their duration.