



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 874

LCO No. 1217



Referred to Committee on GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION
AND ELECTIONS

Introduced by:
SEN. SAMPSON, 16th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXERCISE OF CIVIL LIBERTIES DURING
A PUBLIC HEALTH OR CIVIL PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY.**

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 prohibit (1) any governmental entity from interfering with an
- 3 individual's right to practice religion, engage in commerce or exercise
- 4 the right of expression through speech, assembly, petition and protest
- 5 through the use of executive orders pursuant to an emergency
- 6 declaration, and (2) discrimination against any person for exercising
- 7 such rights or any other right secured by the United States Constitution
- 8 or the Connecticut Constitution during a public health or civil
- 9 preparedness emergency.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect civil liberties during declarations of a public health or civil
preparedness emergency.