



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5596**

LCO No. 1401



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

REP. FISHBEIN, 90th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF THE "CASTLE  
DOCTRINE".**

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

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