



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5260

LCO No. 1679



Referred to Committee on HOUSING

Introduced by:
(HSG)

AN ACT PROHIBITING A MUNICIPALITY FROM IMPOSING A PENALTY FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF CERTAIN ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Homeless person" has the same meaning as provided in 42 USC
3 11302, as amended from time to time;

4 (2) "Motor vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-1
5 of the general statutes;

6 (3) "Public place" means publicly accessible land owned or managed
7 by a municipality. "Public place" does not include the interior area of a
8 structure located on publicly accessible land, any real property owned
9 by the state and in the custody of the Department of Transportation,
10 commercial airports or parcels of land containing a school;

11 (4) "Recreational vehicle" has the same meaning as provided in
12 section 14-1 of the general statutes;

13 (5) "School" means nursery schools, kindergarten and grades one to
14 twelve, inclusive; and

15 (6) "Municipality" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-148
16 of the general statutes.

17 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-148 of the general
18 statutes, no municipality may enact or enforce any ordinance that
19 prohibits a homeless person's ability to:

20 (1) Use or move freely in public places in the same manner as other
21 persons;

22 (2) Occupy or sleep in a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle that is
23 legally parked in a public place;

24 (3) Use any publicly accessible hygiene facility in the same manner as
25 other persons; or

26 (4) Perform the following activities in a public place: (A) Sleep or rest;
27 (B) eat or drink; (C) protect himself or herself from the elements; (D)
28 access medical care; or (E) solicit food, water, money or other donations.

29 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a
30 municipality from enacting or enforcing an ordinance to prohibit
31 activities that endanger or are likely to endanger the health, welfare or
32 safety of the public.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	New section

HSG *Joint Favorable*