



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 169**

LCO No. 1290



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