

CS/CS/SB 1052 – Justifiable Use of Force

Amends s. 776.013, F.S., deleting the subsection relating to justifiable use of force and adding the following to further define justifiable use of force within the statute:

“(1) A person who is in a dwelling or residence in which the person has a right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and use or threaten to use:

(a) Nondeadly force against another when and to the extent that the person reasonably believes that such conduct is necessary to defend himself or herself or another against the other’s imminent use of unlawful force; or

(b) Deadly force if he or she reasonably believes that using or threatening to use such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony.”

**EDR RECOMMENDATION AFTER FINAL PASSAGE: No
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Requested by: House