

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Hooper

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to carrying of firearms by tactical  
3           medical professionals; amending s. 790.25, F.S.;  
4           exempting certain licensed medical professionals from  
5           specified provisions concerning the carrying of  
6           firearms; requiring certain policies and procedures  
7           for law enforcement agencies; providing immunities and  
8           privileges for such professionals; providing a  
9           definition; providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Paragraph (q) is added to subsection (3) of  
14           section 790.25, Florida Statutes, to read:

15           790.25 Lawful ownership, possession, and use of firearms  
16           and other weapons.—

17           (3) LAWFUL USES.—The provisions of ss. 790.053 and 790.06  
18           do not apply in the following instances, and, despite such  
19           sections, it is lawful for the following persons to own,  
20           possess, and lawfully use firearms and other weapons,  
21           ammunition, and supplies for lawful purposes:

22           (q)1. A tactical medical professional who is actively  
23           operating in direct support of a tactical operation by a law  
24           enforcement agency provided that all of the following conditions  
25           are met:

26           a. The tactical medical professional is lawfully able to  
27           possess firearms and has an active concealed weapons permit  
28           issued pursuant to s. 790.06.

29           b. The tactical medical professional is appointed to a law

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30 enforcement tactical team of a law enforcement agency by the  
31 head of the law enforcement agency.

32 c. The law enforcement agency has an established policy  
33 providing for the appointment, training, and deployment of the  
34 tactical medical professional.

35 d. The tactical medical professional successfully completes  
36 a firearms safety training and tactical training as established  
37 or designated by the appointing law enforcement agency.

38 e. The law enforcement agency provides and the tactical  
39 medical professional participates in annual firearm training and  
40 tactical training.

41 2. Except as to the powers of arrest, a tactical medical  
42 professional who meets all of the conditions in subparagraph 1.  
43 has the same immunities and privileges as a law enforcement  
44 officer, as defined in s. 943.10.

45 3. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "tactical  
46 medical professional" means a paramedic, as defined in s.  
47 401.23, a physician, as defined in s. 458.305, or an osteopathic  
48 physician, as defined in s. 459.003, who is appointed to provide  
49 direct support to a tactical law enforcement unit by providing  
50 medical services at high-risk incidents, including, but not  
51 limited to, hostages incidents, narcotics raids, hazardous  
52 surveillance, sniper incidents, armed suicidal persons,  
53 barricaded suspects, high risk felony warrant service, fugitives  
54 refusing to surrender, and active shooter incidents.

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.