

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to law enforcement officers;
3 creating the Law Enforcement Protection Act of
4 1999; amending s. 776.06, F.S.; revising a
5 definition; defining "less lethal munitions";
6 limiting liability for certain actions;
7 providing an effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Short title.--This act may be cited as the
12 "Law Enforcement Protection Act of 1999."

13 Section 2. Section 776.06, Florida Statutes, is
14 amended to read:

15 776.06 Deadly force.--"Deadly force" means force which
16 is likely to cause death or great bodily harm and includes,
17 but is not limited to:

18 (1) The firing of a firearm in the direction of the
19 person to be arrested, even though no intent exists to kill or
20 inflict great bodily harm; and

21 (2) The firing of a firearm at a vehicle in which the
22 person to be arrested is riding.

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24 The discharge of a firearm, loaded with less lethal munitions
25 and discharged by a law enforcement or corrections officer
26 during and within the scope of his or her official duties
27 shall not be considered deadly force. "Less lethal munitions"
28 means projectiles which are designed to stun, temporarily
29 incapacitate, or cause temporary discomfort to a person
30 without penetrating the person's body. No law enforcement
31 officer, corrections officer, or his or her respective

1 employer shall be held liable, in any civil or criminal
2 action, for using less lethal munitions in good faith during
3 and within his or her official duties.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 1999.
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