

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to dart-firing stun guns; creating s.
 3 943.1717, F.S.; providing circumstances during which law
 4 enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation
 5 officers may employ a dart-firing stun gun; requiring the
 6 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission to
 7 establish standards for instruction in the use of dart-
 8 firing stun guns in self defense and in the use of deadly
 9 force; requiring that a minimum number of hours in such
 10 training be included in the basic skills course required
 11 for certification; providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Section 943.1717, Florida Statutes, is created
 16 to read:

17 943.1717 Use of dart-firing stun guns.--

18 (1) A law enforcement, correctional, or correctional
 19 probation officer's decision to use a dart-firing stun gun must
 20 involve an arrest or a custodial situation during which the
 21 person who is the subject of the arrest or custody escalates
 22 resistance to the officer from passive physical resistance to
 23 active physical resistance and the person:

24 (a) Has the apparent ability to physically threaten the
 25 officer or others; or

26 (b) Is preparing or attempting to flee or escape.

27 (2) The Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission
 28 shall establish standards for instructing law enforcement,

29 correctional, and correctional probation officers in the use of
30 dart-firing stun guns in self-defense and in the use of deadly
31 force. The instructional standards must include the effect a
32 dart-firing stun gun has on persons who are under the influence
33 of alcohol or drugs.

34 (3) Each basic skills course required for certification as
35 a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation
36 officer must include instruction on the use of dart-firing stun
37 guns. The portion of the basic skills course on the use of stun
38 guns must be a minimum of 4 hours' duration.

39 (4) After completing the basic skills course, each law
40 enforcement, correctional, and correctional probation officer
41 must complete an annual training course on the use of dart-
42 firing stun guns. The annual training course on the use of stun
43 guns must be a minimum of 1 hour duration.

44 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.