By the Committee on Criminal Justice; and Senator Deutch

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An act relating to the use of deadly force; amending s. 776.06, F.S.; defining the term "less-lethal munition" to include a dart-firing stun gun that is designed to stun, temporarily incapacitate, or cause temporary discomfort to a person; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 776.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

776.06 Deadly force.

(2) (a) The term "deadly force" does not include the discharge of a firearm by a law enforcement officer or correctional officer during and within the scope of his or her official duties which is loaded with a less-lethal munition. As used in this subsection, the term "less-lethal munition" means a dart-firing stun gun and any other projectile that is designed to stun, temporarily incapacitate, or cause temporary discomfort to a person without penetrating the person's body.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.