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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to justifiable use of force; amending
З	s. 776.013, F.S.; specifying that a person who is
4	attacked or threatened with the use of force in a
5	dwelling, residence, or vehicle in which the person
6	has the right to be has no duty to retreat and has the
7	right to stand his or her ground by using or
8	threatening to use force upon a reasonable belief of
9	necessity to prevent imminent death, great bodily
10	harm, or a forcible felony; conforming a cross-
11	reference; deleting provisions relating to using or
12	threatening to use force under certain circumstances;
13	providing an effective date.
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15	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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17	Section 1. Present subsections (1) and (2) of section
18	776.013, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (2)
19	and (3), respectively, a new subsection (1) is added to that
20	section, and present subsections (2) and (3) of that section are
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	amended, to read:
22	776.013 Home protection; use or threatened use of deadly
23	force; presumption of fear of death or great bodily harm
24	(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a
25	person who is attacked or threatened with the use of force in a

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26 dwelling, residence, or vehicle in which the person has a right 27 to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or 28 her ground by using or threatening to use force, including 29 deadly force, if he or she reasonably believes that such conduct 30 is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to 31 himself, herself, or another or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony. 32 33 (3) (2) The presumption set forth in subsection (2) (1)34 does not apply if: 35 (a) The person against whom the defensive force is used or 36 threatened has the right to be in or is a lawful resident of the 37 dwelling, residence, or vehicle, such as an owner, lessee, or 38 titleholder, and there is not an injunction for protection from 39 domestic violence or a written pretrial supervision order of no contact against that person; or 40 41 (b) The person or persons sought to be removed is a child 42 or grandchild, or is otherwise in the lawful custody or under 43 the lawful guardianship of, the person against whom the 44 defensive force is used or threatened; or 45 The person who uses or threatens to use defensive (C) 46 force is engaged in a criminal activity or is using the 47 dwelling, residence, or occupied vehicle to further a criminal 48 activity; or The person against whom the defensive force is used or 49 (d) 50 threatened is a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. Page 2 of 3

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943.10(14), who enters or attempts to enter a dwelling, residence, or vehicle in the performance of his or her official duties and the officer identified himself or herself in accordance with any applicable law or the person using or threatening to use force knew or reasonably should have known that the person entering or attempting to enter was a law enforcement officer.

58 (3) A person who is attacked in his or her dwelling, 59 residence, or vehicle has no duty to retreat and has the right 60 to stand his or her ground and use or threaten to use force, 61 including deadly force, if he or she uses or threatens to use 62 force in accordance with s. 776.012(1) or (2) or s. 776.031(1) 63 or (2).

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

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