

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to defensive use of force; amending s.  
 3           776.012, F.S.; creating a presumption that victims of  
 4           specified offenses have a reasonable belief that force  
 5           is immediately necessary to prevent imminent death or  
 6           great bodily harm to himself or herself or another  
 7           when used in certain circumstances; providing an  
 8           effective date.

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

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 776.012,  
 13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14           776.012 Use or threatened use of force in defense of  
 15 person.—

16           (3) A person using force intended or likely to cause death  
 17 or serious bodily injury is presumed to have held a reasonable  
 18 belief that the force is immediately necessary to prevent  
 19 imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or  
 20 another, if, at the time of the use of force:

- 21           (a) The person:  
 22           1. Is the victim of an offense under:  
 23           a. Chapter 794;  
 24           b. Chapter 847;  
 25           c. Section 787.01; or

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26 | d. Section 787.06; or  
27 | 2. Is engaged in prostitution under chapter 796; and  
28 | (b) The force is used against another person who is  
29 | committing an offense listed in paragraph (a) and the person  
30 | using force is the victim of the offense or the person the force  
31 | is used against is patronizing prostitution from such person.  
32 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.