

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to use or threatened use of deadly  
 3           force; amending s. 776.012, F.S.; deleting provisions  
 4           allowing the use or threatened use of deadly force to  
 5           prevent imminent death or great bodily harm or to  
 6           prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony;  
 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.   Section 776.012, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 12           to read:

13           776.012   Use or threatened use of force in defense of  
 14           person.—

15           ~~(1)~~   A person is justified in using or threatening to use  
 16           force, except deadly force, against another when and to the  
 17           extent that the person reasonably believes that such conduct is  
 18           necessary to defend himself or herself or another against the  
 19           other's imminent use of unlawful force. A person who uses or  
 20           threatens to use force in accordance with this subsection does  
 21           not have a duty to retreat before using or threatening to use  
 22           such force.

23           ~~(2)   A person is justified in using or threatening to use~~  
 24           ~~deadly force if he or she reasonably believes that using or~~  
 25           ~~threatening to use such force is necessary to prevent imminent~~

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26 | ~~death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or~~  
27 | ~~to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony. A~~  
28 | ~~person who uses or threatens to use deadly force in accordance~~  
29 | ~~with this subsection does not have a duty to retreat and has the~~  
30 | ~~right to stand his or her ground if the person using or~~  
31 | ~~threatening to use the deadly force is not engaged in a criminal~~  
32 | ~~activity and is in a place where he or she has a right to be.~~

33 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.