

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to enhanced firearms training  
 3           facilities; creating s. 790.41, F.S.; defining terms;  
 4           establishing procedures for licensure by the  
 5           Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;  
 6           authorizing a sheriff to provide supporting  
 7           documentation to an application for licensure;  
 8           specifying the duration of a license; specifying  
 9           conditions under which a license must be revoked;  
 10          authorizing a sheriff to enter into an agreement with  
 11          the owner of an enhanced firearms training facility to  
 12          conduct training for the school guardian program at  
 13          the facility; exempting an enhanced firearms training  
 14          facility from complying with specified local  
 15          government requirements under certain circumstances;  
 16          authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing  
 17          an effective date.

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

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 21           **Section 1. Section 790.41, Florida Statutes, is created to**  
 22 **read:**

23           790.41 Enhanced firearms training facilities.-

24           (1) As used in this section, the term:

25           (a) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and

26 Consumer Services.

27 (b) "Enhanced firearms training facility" means a facility  
28 located on land zoned for agricultural use or its equivalent  
29 which is used to train people in the use of firearms and  
30 personal safety.

31 (c) "Owner" means a person who:

32 1. Holds the legal title to the agricultural land and  
33 facilities upon which the enhanced firearms training facility  
34 will be licensed; or

35 2. Holds a percentage interest in the agricultural land  
36 and facilities which is equal to or greater than that of the  
37 other persons who also hold a legal interest, if the legal title  
38 is held in the name of two or more people.

39 (2) The department may issue a license to designate a  
40 facility as an enhanced firearms training facility. To receive  
41 such a license, the owner must complete and submit an  
42 application to the department and must satisfy all of the  
43 following criteria:

44 (a) Successfully complete a level 2 background screening  
45 as provided in s. 435.04(2). The applicant must submit a full  
46 set of fingerprints to the department or to a vendor, an entity,  
47 or an agency authorized by s. 943.053(13). The department,  
48 vendor, entity, or agency shall forward the fingerprints to the  
49 Department of Law Enforcement for state processing, and the  
50 Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to

51 the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national processing.  
52 Fees for state and federal fingerprint processing and retention  
53 must be borne by the applicant. The state cost for fingerprint  
54 processing is as provided in s. 943.053(3) (e).

55 (b) Not have been convicted of a felony.

56 (c) Successfully complete the National Rifle Association  
57 Chief Range Safety Officer training program or an equivalent  
58 program conducted by a nationally recognized organization that  
59 provides similar firearms training.

60 (d) Hold a valid class "K" license issued by the  
61 department as a firearm instructor as defined in s. 493.6101.

62 (3) In support of an owner's application submitted under  
63 subsection (2), the owner may provide to the department a  
64 written attestation from the sheriff who has jurisdiction over  
65 the property on which the enhanced firearms training facility is  
66 or will be located, if the sheriff, at his or her sole  
67 discretion, agrees to provide such attestation, confirming that  
68 the sheriff or his or her designee has:

69 (a) Visited the property and facilities on which the  
70 enhanced firearms training facility is or will be located;

71 (b) Determined that the property and facilities are large  
72 enough and sufficient enough to be designated as an enhanced  
73 firearms training facility; and

74 (c) Determined that the property and facilities may  
75 fulfill a public safety training need, including providing a

76 place for the sheriff or a law enforcement agency to provide  
77 firearms or other training to the public, including for local  
78 law enforcement agencies to provide firearm safety training as  
79 authorized under s. 37, chapter 2023-18, Laws of Florida.

80 (4) (a) An enhanced firearms training facility license  
81 issued by the department is valid for 12 months and must be  
82 renewed annually by the owner to remain valid.

83 (b) The department must revoke the license of an enhanced  
84 firearms training facility if the department determines that the  
85 owner is no longer in compliance with the requirements listed in  
86 paragraph (2) (b) or paragraph (2) (d).

87 (5) A sheriff, under an agreement with an enhanced  
88 firearms training facility, may provide training for the school  
89 guardian program under s. 30.15 at an enhanced firearms training  
90 facility.

91 (6) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, an  
92 enhanced firearms training facility licensed by the department  
93 is not subject to local government planning and zoning or public  
94 works restrictions if the facility is located in an  
95 unincorporated area of a county.

96 (7) The department may adopt rules to implement this  
97 section.

98 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.