

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2834

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Sections 1289.16, as amended by Section 20, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 and 1289.25 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1289.16), which relate to the Oklahoma Firearms Act of 1971; clarifying scope of certain prohibited act; deeming specific act lawful under certain circumstances; adding definition; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.16, as amended by Section 20, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1289.16), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.16

FELONY POINTING FIREARMS

~~It~~ Except for an act of self-defense, it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or without lawful cause point a shotgun, rifle or pistol, or any deadly weapon, whether loaded or not, at any person or persons for the purpose of threatening or with the intention of discharging the firearm or with any malice or for any purpose of injuring, either through physical injury or mental or

1 emotional intimidation or for purposes of whimsy, humor or prank, or
2 in anger or otherwise, but not to include the pointing of shotguns,
3 rifles or pistols by law enforcement authorities in the performance
4 of their duties, members of the state military forces in the
5 performance of their duties, members of the federal military reserve
6 and active military components in the performance of their duties,
7 or any federal government law enforcement officer in the performance
8 of any duty, or in the performance of a play on stage, rodeo,
9 television or on film, or in defense of any person, one's home or
10 property. Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of
11 this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1289.17 of
12 this title.

13 Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this
14 section after having been issued a handgun license pursuant to the
15 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall have the license revoked and shall
16 be subject to an administrative fine of One Thousand Dollars
17 (\$1,000.00), upon a hearing and determination by the Oklahoma State
18 Bureau of Investigation that the person is in violation of the
19 provisions of this section.

20 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.25, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1289.25

23 PHYSICAL OR DEADLY FORCE AGAINST INTRUDER
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1 A. The Legislature hereby recognizes that the citizens of the
2 State of Oklahoma have a right to expect absolute safety within
3 their own homes or places of business.

4 B. A person or an owner, manager or employee of a business is
5 presumed to have held a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death
6 or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another when using
7 defensive force that is intended or likely to cause death or great
8 bodily harm to another if:

9 1. The person against whom the defensive force was used was in
10 the process of unlawfully and forcefully entering, or had unlawfully
11 and forcibly entered, a dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle, or a
12 place of business, or if that person had removed or was attempting
13 to remove another against the will of that person from the dwelling,
14 residence, occupied vehicle, or place of business; and

15 2. The person who uses defensive force knew or had reason to
16 believe that an unlawful and forcible entry or unlawful and forcible
17 act was occurring or had occurred.

18 C. The presumption set forth in subsection B of this section
19 does not apply if:

20 1. The person against whom the defensive force is used has the
21 right to be in or is a lawful resident of the dwelling, residence,
22 or vehicle, such as an owner, lessee, or titleholder, and there is
23 not a protective order from domestic violence in effect or a written
24 pretrial supervision order of no contact against that person;

1 2. The person or persons sought to be removed are children or
2 grandchildren, or are otherwise in the lawful custody or under the
3 lawful guardianship of, the person against whom the defensive force
4 is used; or

5 3. The person who uses defensive force is engaged in an
6 unlawful activity or is using the dwelling, residence, occupied
7 vehicle, or place of business to further an unlawful activity.

8 D. A person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity and who
9 is attacked in any other place where he or she has a right to be has
10 no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and
11 meet force with force, including deadly force, if he or she
12 reasonably believes it is necessary to do so to prevent death or
13 great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the
14 commission of a forcible felony.

15 E. A person who unlawfully and by force enters or attempts to
16 enter the dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle of another person,
17 or a place of business is presumed to be doing so with the intent to
18 commit an unlawful act involving force or violence.

19 F. A person who uses defensive force, as permitted pursuant to
20 the provisions of subsections B and D of this section, is justified
21 in using such defensive force and is immune from criminal
22 prosecution and civil action for the use of such defensive force.
23 As used in this subsection, the term "criminal prosecution" includes
24 charging or prosecuting the defendant.

1 G. A law enforcement agency may use standard procedures for
2 investigating the use of defensive force, but the law enforcement
3 agency may not arrest the person for using defensive force unless it
4 determines that there is probable cause that the defensive force
5 that was used was unlawful.

6 H. The court shall award reasonable attorney fees, court costs,
7 compensation for loss of income, and all expenses incurred by the
8 defendant in defense of any civil action brought by a plaintiff if
9 the court finds that the defendant is immune from prosecution as
10 provided in subsection F of this section.

11 I. The provisions of this section and the provisions of the
12 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall not be construed to require any
13 person using a ~~pistol~~ weapon pursuant to the provisions of this
14 section to be licensed in any manner.

15 J. A person pointing a weapon at a perpetrator in self-defense
16 in order to thwart, stop or deter a forcible felony or attempted
17 forcible felony shall not be deemed guilty of committing a criminal
18 act.

19 K. As used in this section:

20 1. "Defensive force" includes, but shall not be limited to,
21 pointing a weapon at a perpetrator in self-defense in order to
22 thwart, stop or deter a forcible felony or attempted forcible
23 felony;
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1 2. "Dwelling" means a building or conveyance of any kind,
2 including any attached porch, whether the building or conveyance is
3 temporary or permanent, mobile or immobile, which has a roof over
4 it, including a tent, and is designed to be occupied by people;

5 ~~2.~~ 3. "Residence" means a dwelling in which a person resides
6 either temporarily or permanently or is visiting as an invited
7 guest; and

8 ~~3.~~ 4. "Vehicle" means a conveyance of any kind, whether or not
9 motorized, which is designed to transport people or property.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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