

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2632

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An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.25, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 266, O.S.L. 2017 (21 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1289.25), which relates to the use of deadly force; expanding right to use deadly force at certain places; defining term; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.25, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 266, O.S.L. 2017 (21 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1289.25), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.25

PHYSICAL OR DEADLY FORCE AGAINST INTRUDER

A. The Legislature hereby recognizes that the citizens of the State of Oklahoma have a right to expect absolute safety within their own homes ~~or~~, places of business or places of worship.

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

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

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

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

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

23 2. The person or persons sought to be removed are children or
24 grandchildren, or are otherwise in the lawful custody or under the

1 lawful guardianship of, the person against whom the defensive force
2 is used; or

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

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

14 E. A person who unlawfully and by force enters or attempts to
15 enter the dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle of another person,
16 ~~or a~~ place of business or place of worship is presumed to be doing
17 so with the intent to commit an unlawful act involving force or
18 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 weapon pursuant to the provisions of this section to
14 be licensed in any manner.

15 J. A person pointing a weapon at a perpetrator in self-defense
16 or 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 or 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 3. "Place of worship" means any space used for worship
6 services;

7 4. "Residence" means a dwelling in which a person resides
8 either temporarily or permanently or is visiting as an invited
9 guest; and

10 ~~4.~~ 5. "Vehicle" means a conveyance of any kind, whether or not
11 motorized, which is designed to transport people or property.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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