



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:
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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6667

File No. 841

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"AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 53a-19 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

5 (a) [Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, a] A
6 person is justified in using reasonable physical force upon another
7 person to defend [himself] such person's self or a third person from
8 what [he] such person reasonably believes to be the use or imminent use
9 of physical force, and [he] such person may use such degree of force
10 which [he] such person reasonably believes to be necessary for such
11 purpose. [; except that deadly] Deadly physical force may [not] be used
12 [unless] if the actor reasonably believes that such other person is (1)
13 using or about to use deadly physical force, or (2) inflicting or about to
14 inflict great bodily harm.

15 (b) [Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,

16 a person is not justified in using deadly physical force upon another
 17 person if he or she knows that he or she can avoid the necessity of using
 18 such force with complete safety (1) by retreating, except that the actor]
 19 No person shall [not] be required to retreat if he or she is in his or her
 20 dwelling, as defined in section 53a-100, or place of work and was not the
 21 initial aggressor, or if he or she is a peace officer or a private person
 22 assisting such peace officer at his or her direction [,] and acting pursuant
 23 to section 53a-22. [, or (2) by surrendering possession of property to a
 24 person asserting a claim of right thereto, or (3) by complying with a
 25 demand that he or she abstain from performing an act which he or she
 26 is not obliged to perform.]

27 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, a
 28 person is not justified in using physical force when (1) with intent to
 29 cause physical injury or death to another person, [he] such person
 30 provokes the use of physical force by such other person, or (2) [he] such
 31 person is the initial aggressor, except that [his] such person's use of
 32 physical force upon another person under such circumstances is
 33 justifiable if [he] such person withdraws from the encounter and
 34 effectively communicates to such other person [his] such person's intent
 35 to do so, but such other person notwithstanding continues or threatens
 36 the use of physical force, or (3) the physical force involved was the
 37 product of a combat by agreement not specifically authorized by law. "

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2023	53a-19