

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to carrying of firearms by tactical
 3 medical professionals; amending s. 790.25, F.S.;
 4 exempting certain licensed medical professionals from
 5 specified provisions concerning the carrying of
 6 firearms; requiring certain policies and procedures
 7 for law enforcement agencies; providing immunities and
 8 privileges for such professionals; providing a
 9 definition; providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Paragraph (q) is added to subsection (3) of
 14 section 790.25, Florida Statutes, to read:

15 790.25 Lawful ownership, possession, and use of firearms
 16 and other weapons.—

17 (3) LAWFUL USES.—The provisions of ss. 790.053 and 790.06
 18 do not apply in the following instances, and, despite such
 19 sections, it is lawful for the following persons to own,
 20 possess, and lawfully use firearms and other weapons,
 21 ammunition, and supplies for lawful purposes:

22 (q)1. A tactical medical professional who is actively
 23 operating in direct support of a tactical operation by a law
 24 enforcement agency provided that:

25 a. The tactical medical professional is lawfully able to

26 | possess firearms and has an active concealed weapons permit
27 | issued pursuant to s. 790.06.

28 | b. The tactical medical professional is appointed to a law
29 | enforcement tactical team of a law enforcement agency by the
30 | head of the law enforcement agency.

31 | c. The law enforcement agency has an established policy
32 | providing for the appointment, training, and deployment of the
33 | tactical medical professional.

34 | d. The tactical medical professional successfully
35 | completes a firearms safety training and tactical training as
36 | established or designated by the appointing law enforcement
37 | agency.

38 | e. The law enforcement agency provides and the tactical
39 | medical professional participates in annual firearm training and
40 | tactical training.

41 | 2. Except as to the powers of arrest, a tactical medical
42 | professional has the same immunities and privileges as a law
43 | enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10.

44 | 3. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "tactical
45 | medical professional" means a paramedic, as defined in s.
46 | 401.23, or a physician, as defined in s. 458.305, who is
47 | appointed to provide direct support to a tactical law
48 | enforcement unit by providing medical services at high-risk
49 | incidents, including, but not limited to, hostages incidents,
50 | narcotics raids, hazardous surveillance, sniper incidents, armed

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51 suicidal persons, barricaded suspects, high risk felony warrant
52 service, fugitives refusing to surrender, and active shooter
53 incidents.

54 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.