

HB 1110 -- Use of Defensive Force

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This bill specifies that a person with the lawful right to be in a dwelling, residence, or vehicle, who has a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or physical injury to oneself or another, may use defensive force that is likely to cause death or physical injury to another when:

(1) The person against whom the defensive force was used had unlawfully or forcefully entered or attempted to enter or remove another person from a dwelling, residence, or vehicle; or

(2) The person using defensive force knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry or act had occurred.

Deadly force may also be used if a person reasonably believes that it is necessary to protect oneself or another against the imminent use of unlawful force or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony. These uses are justified and provide the person using defensive force immunity from criminal prosecution and any civil actions.