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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1240

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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE IN
11 DEFENSE OF A PERSON; CONCERNING CIVIL LIABILITY
12 PROTECTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 CONCERNING THE USE OF DEADLY PHYSICAL
17 FORCE IN DEFENSE OF A PERSON; AND
18 CONCERNING CIVIL LIABILITY PROTECTION.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

23 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

24 (a) The General Assembly finds that the current laws regarding self-
25 defense and the use of deadly physical force in self-defense or in defense of
26 another person are adequate in that the law explicitly does not require a
27 person to retreat from certain life-threatening confrontations if a person
28 cannot do so safely.

29 (b) However, the General Assembly finds that there is currently not
30 enough protection from civil liability for a person who rightfully uses
31 deadly physical force in self-defense or in defense of another person.

32 (c) The General Assembly finds that a more robust civil immunity
33 statute is necessary to protect a person from civil damages stemming from an
34 incident when he or she lawfully uses deadly physical force in self-defense
35 or in defense of another person.



