



SENATE BILL 1847

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to the defense of property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-614, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

(c)

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (c)(2), a person is justified in using deadly force against another:

(A) If the person would be justified in using force against another under subsection (a) or (b);

(B) When and to the degree the person reasonably believes deadly force is immediately necessary to prevent or terminate the other's actual or attempted trespass; arson; damage to property, including damage to livestock; burglary; theft; robbery; or aggravated cruelty to animals; and

(C) The person reasonably believes:

(i) The property cannot be protected or the other's actions terminated by any other means; or

(ii) The use of force other than deadly force to protect or terminate the other's actions would expose the person or a third person to a risk of death or serious bodily injury.

(2) A person is not justified in using deadly force against another individual under this section if the individual is facing away from the person.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 1847*

House Bill No. 1802

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-614, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

(c) A person who is not engaged in conduct that would constitute a felony or a Class A misdemeanor and who is in a place where the person lawfully resides is justified in using deadly force against another to protect property:

(1) If the person would be justified in using force against another under subsection (a) or (b);

(2) When and to the degree the person reasonably believes deadly force is immediately necessary to prevent the other's imminent commission of arson, burglary, robbery, aggravated robbery, or aggravated cruelty to animals;

(3) The person reasonably believes the property cannot be protected or the other's actions terminated by any other means; and

(4)

(A) There is an imminent danger to the person or a third person of death, serious bodily injury, or grave sexual abuse; or

(B) The use of force other than deadly force to protect or terminate the other's actions would expose the person or a third person to a risk of death, serious bodily injury, or grave sexual abuse.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-621, is amended by deleting "self-defense or defense of third person statutes, §§ 39-11-611 and 39-11-612" and substituting

"self-defense, defense of third person, or protection of property statutes, §§ 39-11-611, 39-11-612, and 39-11-614".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-616(a), is amended by deleting "§§ 39-11-614 and 39-11-615" and substituting "§ 39-11-614(a) and (b) and § 39-11-615".

SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, then the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end, the provisions of this act are severable.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2026, the public welfare requiring it.