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- Florida Statutes § 776.031
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- The aspect of the code section which is of particular interest is the duty to retreat, which was amended in 2005.
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Use or threatened use of force in defense of property.— 776.031

- (1) A person is justified in using or threatening to use force, except deadly force, against another when and to the extent that the person reasonably believes that such conduct is necessary to prevent or terminate the other's trespass on, or other tortious or criminal interference with, either real property other than a dwelling or personal property, lawfully in his or her possession or in the possession of another who is a member of his or her immediate family or household or of a person whose property he or she has a legal duty to protect. A person who uses or threatens to use force in accordance with this subsection does not have a duty to retreat before using or threatening to use such force.
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History. -s. 13, ch. 74-383; s. 1189, ch. 97-102; s. 3, ch. 2005-27; s. 5, ch. 2014-195.

Identify Florida laws which enacted or amended the statute section.

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History.—s. 13, ch. 74-383; s. 1189, ch. 97-102; s. 3, ch. 2005-27; s. 5, ch. 2014-195.

Look at the text of the laws.

- § 13, ch. 74-383 (enacted the law)
- § 1189, ch. 97-102 (amended the law)
- § 3, ch. 2005-27 (amended the law)
- § 5, ch. 2014-195, (amended the law)
- Remember that the law dealing with the duty to retreat was amended in 2005.
- If you didn't have this information, you would need to look at all listed Florida Laws, to see which law enacted or amended the relevant part of the statute section.

Look at the text of the laws.

- Using the chapter number of the relevant law, go to the Laws of Florida for that year.
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An act relating to the protection of persons and property; creating s. 776.013, F.S.; authorizing a person to use force, including deadly force, against an intruder or attacker in a dwelling, residence, or vehicle under specified circumstances; creating a presumption that a reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm exists under certain circumstances; creating a presumption that a person acts with the intent to use force or violence under specified circumstances; providing definitions; amending ss. 776.012 and 776.031, F.S.; providing that a person is justified in using deadly force under certain circumstances; declaring that a person has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force if the person is in a place where he or she has a right to be and the force is necessary to prevent death, great bodily harm, or the commission of a forcible felony; creating s. 776.032, F.S.; providing immunity from criminal prosecution or civil action for using deadly force; defining the term "criminal prosecution"; authorizing a law enforcement agency to investigate the use of deadly force but prohibiting the agency from arresting the person unless the agency determines that there is probable cause that the force the person used was unlawful; providing for the award of attorney's fees, court costs, compensation for loss of income, and other expenses to a defendant in a civil suit who was immune from prosecution under this section;

- (a) He or she reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony; or-
 - (b) Under those circumstances permitted pursuant to s. 776.013.
 - Section 3. Section 776.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- of force, except deadly force, against another when and to the extent that the person reasonably believes that such conduct is necessary to prevent or terminate the such other's trespass on, or other tortious or criminal interference with, either real property other than a dwelling or personal property, lawfully in his or her possession or in the possession of another who is a member of his or her immediate family or household or of a person whose property he or she has a legal duty to protect. However, the person is justified in the use of deadly force only if he or she reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent the imminent commission of a forcible felony. A person does not have a duty to retreat if the person is in a place where he or she has a right to be.
 - Section 4. Section 776.032, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
- 776.032 Immunity from criminal prosecution and civil action for justifiable use of force.—
- (1) A person who uses force as permitted in s. 776.012, s. 776.013, or s. 776.031 is justified in using such force and is immune from criminal prosecution and civil action for the use of such force, unless the person against whom force was used is a law enforcement officer, as defined in s. 943.10(14), who was acting in the performance of his or her official duties and the officer identified himself or herself in accordance with any applicable law or the

Identify the House or Senate bill number.

- The House or Senate bill number is listed immediately below the chapter number of the law.
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I. Summary:

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 436 redefines justifiable use of force (self-defense) by:

- creating certain presumptions that remove questions of fact from a trial jury regarding reasonableness of fear as it relates to escalated use of force, and criminal intent;
- requiring a court to award costs, fees and financial damages payable by law enforcement, state attorneys or civil plaintiffs when the court finds the use of force by the defendant to be justifiable;
- eliminating the common law "duty to retreat" and extending the application of the "castle

Look at the vote history.

 Full committee and floor vote history is available. **Last Action**: 4/26/2005 - Approved by Governor; Chapter No. $\underline{2005-27}$ -SJ 00585

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Vote History - Committee

VERSION	COMMITTEE	DATE	RESULT
S 436 Filed	Criminal Justice	2/9/2005 2:00 PM	8 Yeas - 0 Nays
S 436 c1	Judiciary	2/23/2005 2:00 PM	7 Yeas - 0 Nays

Vote History - Floor

VOTE	DATE	CHAMBER	RESULT
S 436 e1	3/23/2005 4:56 PM	Senate	39 Yeas - 0 Nays
S 436 e1	3/31/2005 12:01 PM	House	<u>30 Yeas - 85 Nays</u>
S 436 e1	4/5/2005 10:18 AM	House	<u>112 Yeas - 0 Nays</u>
S 436 e1	4/5/2005 10:18 AM	House	94 Yeas - 20 Nays



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Look at the citations.

 Full text of each affected statute or constitution section is available. Garcia; Fasano; Webster; Lynn; Haridopolos; King; Dockery; Diaz de la Portilla; Bullard; Campbell; Jones; Sebesta; Pruitt; Constantine; Smith;

Alexander; Saunders; Aronberg; Klein

Protection of Persons/Use of Force; authorizes person to use force, including deadly force, against intruder or attacker in dwelling, residence, or vehicle under specified circumstances; provides that person is justified in using deadly force under certain circumstances; provides immunity from criminal prosecution or civil action for using deadly force; defines term "criminal prosecution", etc. Creates 776.013,.032; amends 776.012,.031.

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	CITATION	CATCHLINE	LOCAT
П	<u>776.012</u>	Use of force in defense of person.	
	776.013		
Ш	<u>776.031</u>	Use of force in defense of others.	
	776.032		

Citations - Constitution (0)

No Constitutional citations.

Citations - Chapter Law (0)

No Chapter Law citations.



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- The Journal provides the order of floor actions and the text of floor amendments.
- Pay special attention to the date when floor amendments were adopted or failed.

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CHAMBER	ACTION			
Senate	• Filed			
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Senate	• On Committee agenda Criminal Justice, 01/26/05, 2:00 pm, 37-STemporarily postponed			
Senate	• On Committee agenda Criminal Justice, 02/09/05, 2:00 pm, 37-S			
Senate	• CS by Criminal Justice; YEAS 8 NAYS 0			
Senate	Now in Judiciary			
Senate	• On Committee agenda Judiciary, 02/23/05, 2:00 pm, 401-S			
Senate	CS/CS by- Judiciary; YEAS 7 NAYS 0			
Senate	Placed on Calendar, on second reading			
Senate	• Introduced, referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary -SJ 00031; On Committee agenda Criminal Justice, 01/26/05, 2:0 Temporarily postponed; On Committee agenda Criminal Justice, 02/09/05, 2:00 pm, 37-S; CS by Criminal Justice; YEA 00104; CS read first time on 03/08/05 -SJ 00098; Now in Judiciary -SJ 00104; On Committee agenda Judiciary, 02/23/401-S; CS/CS by- Judiciary; YEAS 7 NAYS 0 -SJ 00105; CS read first time on 03/08/05 -SJ 00098; Placed on Calendar, on SJ 00105			
Senate	• Placed on Special Order Calendar -SJ 00246; Read second time -SJ 00244; Amendment(s) adopted -SJ 00244; Amendm 00244; Ordered engrossed -SJ 00244			
Senate	• Read third time -SJ 00262; CS passed as amended; YEAS 39 NAYS 0 -SJ 00263			
House	• In Messages; Received, referred to Calendar -HJ 00298, -HJ 00303			
House	• Substituted for HB 249 -HJ 00310; Read second time -HJ 00311; Amendment(s) failed -HJ 00311			
House	• Read third time -HJ 00342; Amendment(s) failed -HJ 00342; CS passed; YEAS 94 NAYS 20 -HJ 00342			
Senate	Ordered enrolled -SJ 00388			
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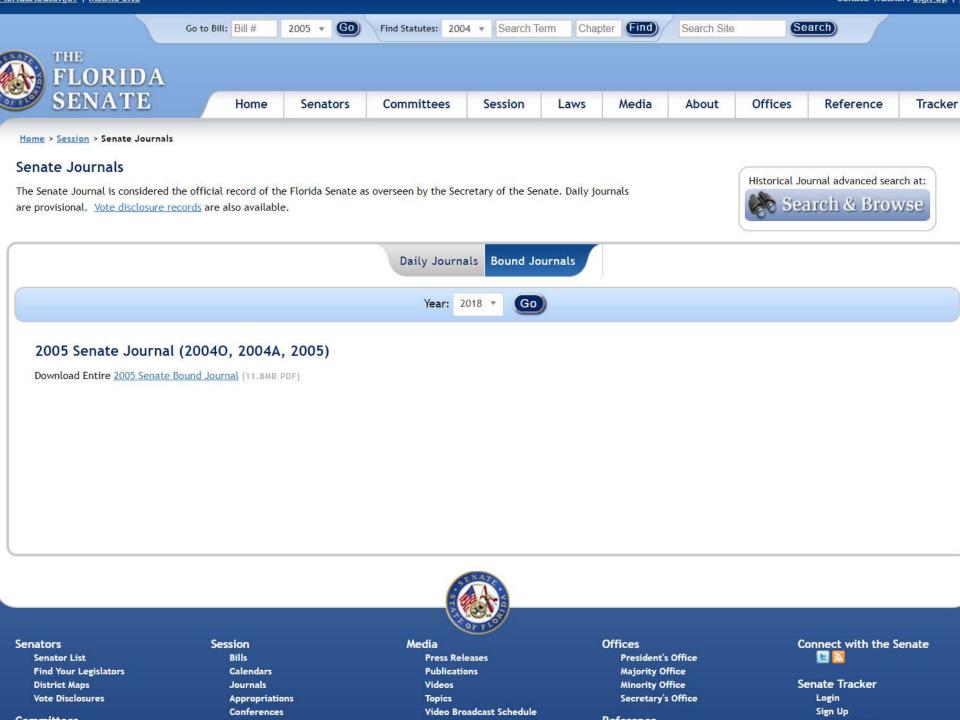


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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Lee at 9:18 a.m. A quorum present—39:

Mr. President	Diaz de la Portilla	Miller
Alexander	Dockery	Peaden
Argenziano	Fasano	Posey
Aronberg	Garcia	Pruitt
Atwater	Geller	Rich
Baker	Haridopolos	Saunders
Bennett	Hill	Sebesta
Bullard	Jones	Siplin
Campbell	King	Smith
Carlton	Klein	Villalobos
Clary	Lawson	Webster
Constantine	Lynn	Wilson
Crist	Margolis	Wise

Now Father God Almighty, our maker, our sustainer, our provider, our rewarder, the wellspring of our being: For our unkind thoughts, unkind words, and unkind acts, forgive us. For our ill temper, ill will, and illogic, forgive us. For our pride, prejudice, and pettiness, forgive us. For our insolence, ignorance, and indifference, forgive us. For our weakness, willfulness, and wickedness, forgive us.

And Father God, before we close this prayer and come forth from our prayer closets to go about this day's work, we are so pleased to ask you to clothe us with truth in our words, clothe us with wisdom in our deliberations, clothe us with integrity in our dealings, clothe us with fidelity in our promises, clothe us with humility in our victories, clothe us with patience in our defeats, and clothe us with cooperation in our efforts.

A charge to keep we have, A God to glorify, A never-dying soul to save, And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age, Our calling to fulfill; O may it all our powers engage To do our God's will. Amen.

PLEDGE

Senate Pages Skyler Ansel of Hollywood; Lauren Klein, daughter of Senator Klein of Boca Raton; Amy Atwater, daughter of Senator Atwater of North Palm Beach; and Katharine "Katie" Villalobos, daughter of Senator Villalobos of Miami, led the Senate in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

The President recognized Dr. Paul Shirley of Jacksonville, sponsored by Senator King, as doctor of the day, Dr. Shirley specializes in Orthorequirements with respect to injunctions for protection of minor children; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for SB 512** was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Peaden—

CS for CS for SB 436—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the protection of persons and property; creating s. 776.013, F.S.; authorizing a person to use force, including deadly force, against an intruder or attacker in a dwelling, residence, or vehicle under specified circumstances; creating a presumption that a reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm exists under certain circumstances; creating a presumption that a person acts with the intent to use force or violence under specified circumstances; providing definitions; amending ss. 776.012 and 776.031, F.S.; providing that a person is justified in using deadly force under certain circumstances; declaring that a person has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force if the person is in a place where he or she has a right to be and the force is necessary to prevent death, great bodily harm, or the commission of a forcible felony; creating s. 776.032, F.S.; providing immunity from criminal prosecution or civil action for using deadly force; defining the term "criminal prosecution"; authorizing a law enforcement agency to investigate the use of deadly force but prohibiting the agency from arresting the person unless the agency determines that there is probable cause that the force the person used was unlawful; providing for the award of attorney's fees, court costs, compensation for loss of income, and other expenses to a defendant in a civil suit who was immune from prosecution under this section; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

bility; providing an exemption; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, **CS for SB 1012** was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Fasano-

SB 730—A bill to be entitled An act relating to the prohibition on prostitution; amending s. 796.07, F.S.; redefining the term "lewdness" to mean an indecent or obscene act done in the presence of any person, including a law enforcement officer; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Senator Fasano moved the following amendment which was adopted:

Amendment 1 (103590)(with title amendment)—Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 796.07, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

 $796.07\,$ Prohibiting prostitution, etc.; evidence; penalties; definitions.—

- (1) As used in this section:
- (b) "Lewdness" means any indecent or obscene act that may cause substantial offense to one or more persons viewing it or may otherwise substantially intrude upon the rights of others. A lewd act may be offensive to, or may intrude upon the rights of, a person who is a law enforcement officer. Lewdness is to be determined based on what a reasonable member of the public might find substantially offensive.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert: A bill to be

And the title is amended as follows:

On page 1, line 5, following the semicolon (;) insert: amending s. 849.0935, F.S.; revising the definition of "organization" to include chambers of commerce; exempting chambers of commerce from provisions

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of Environmental Protection may adopt rules to implement the specific recommendations set forth in sections C.2. and C.4. of its report entitled "A Strategy for Water Quality Protection: Wastewater Treatment in the Wekiva Study Area," dated December 2004, in order to achieve nitrogen reductions protective of surface and groundwater quality in the Wekiva Study Area and implement Recommendation 8 of the Wekiva River Basin Coordinating Committee's final report dated March 16, 2004 shall, if appropriate, by March 1, 2005, initiate rulemaking to achieve nitrogen reductions protective of surface and groundwater quality or recommend any additional statutory authority needed to implement the report recommendations.

(Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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And the title is amended as follows:

On page 1, line 3, after "Act;" insert: amending s. 369.318, F.S.; clarifying the Department of Environmental Protection's rulemaking authority to implement certain recommendations;

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, SB 908 as amended was ordered engrossed and then placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Margolis-

SB 724—A bill to be entitled An act relating to affordable housing for the elderly; amending s. 420.5087, F.S.; increasing the cap on certain loan amounts available to sponsors of housing for the elderly; providing an effective date.

—was read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, SB 724 was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Aronberg-

Senator Smith moved the following amendments which were adopted:

Amendment 1 (844260)—On page 4, line 7, after "person" insert: who is not engaged in an unlawful activity and

Amendment 2 (591424)—On page 6, line 5, delete "described" and insert: permitted

MOTION

On motion by Senator Geller, the rules were waived to allow the following amendment to be considered:

Senator Geller moved the following amendment which failed:

Amendment 3 (494914)—On page 4, lines 7-13, delete those lines

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, CS for CS for SB 436 as amended was ordered engrossed and then placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Campbell-

SB 532-A bill to be entitled An act relating to court-ordered payment awards in legal proceedings; amending ss. 61.16 and 742.045, F.S.; authorizing certain court orders to include additional reasonable amounts for certain attorney's fees, suit money, and costs related to certain proceedings; providing an effective date.

-was read the second time by title.

Pursuant to Rule 4.19, SB 532 was placed on the calendar of Bills on Third Reading.

On motion by Senator Argenziano—

CS for SB 1012—A bill to be entitled An act relating to professions regulated by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation:

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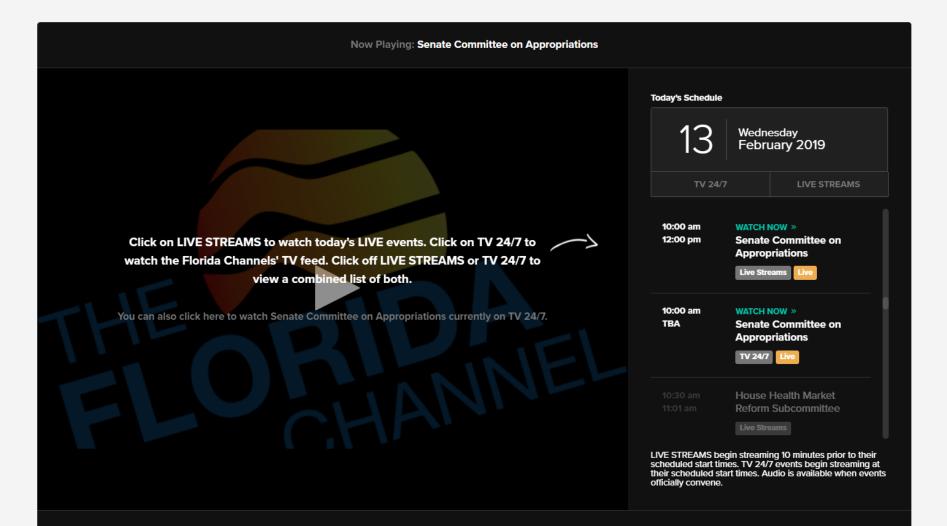
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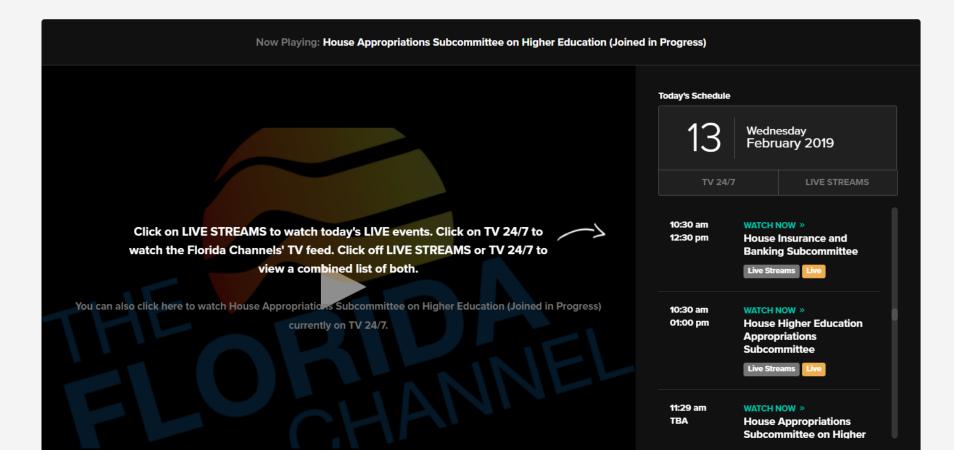
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