

HCS HB 122 -- USE OF DEADLY FORCE

SPONSOR: McGaugh

COMMITTEE ACTIONS: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Emerging Issues by a vote of 9 to 2. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 6 to 3.

This bill specifies that an individual who is occupying private property under the authority of the property owner is permitted to use deadly force in specified situations.

A municipal or county prosecuting attorney or assistant prosecuting attorney or a municipal, associate circuit, or circuit judge who has completed the required firearms safety training course is added to the list of individuals who are exempt from specified provisions regarding the carrying of a concealed weapon.

A certificate of firearms safety training course completion may also be issued to an applicant who presents proof that he or she has passed a course conducted by an instructor certified by the National Rifle Association as specified in the bill and also passes specified requirements.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill is a common sense extension of the castle doctrine which will allow anyone who has permission to be on private property the right to defend themselves or others in the same manner as the property owner.

Testifying for the bill was Representative McGaugh.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.