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2 90th General Assembly

# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1203

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5 By: Representatives Hammer, Wardlaw

6 By: Senator J. Hutchinson

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE IN  
10 DEFENSE OF A PERSON; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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CONCERNING THE USE OF DEADLY PHYSICAL

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FORCE IN DEFENSE OF A PERSON.

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

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20 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-2-607 is amended to read as follows:*

21 *5-2-607. Use of deadly physical force in defense of a person.*

22 *(a) A person is justified in using deadly physical force upon another*  
23 *person if the person reasonably believes that the other person is:*

24 *(1) Committing or about to commit a felony involving force or*  
25 *violence;*

26 *(2) Using or about to use unlawful deadly physical force; or*

27 *(3) Imminently endangering the person's life or imminently about*  
28 *to victimize the person as described in § 9-15-103 from the continuation of a*  
29 *pattern of domestic abuse.*

30 *(b) A person may not use deadly physical force in self-defense if the*  
31 *person knows that he or she can avoid the necessity of using deadly physical*  
32 *force ~~with complete safety:~~*

33 *(1)(A) By retreating.*

34 *(B) However, a person is not required to retreat if the*  
35 *person is:*

36 *(i) Unable to retreat with complete safety;*



