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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to discharging firearms in public or
 on residential property; providing a short title;
 amending s. 790.15, F.S.; revising provisions
 prohibiting the recreational discharge of a firearm
 outdoors; providing an exception; providing criminal
 penalties; amending s. 810.09, F.S.; prohibiting the
 propelling of any potentially lethal projectile over
 or across private land while target shooting;
 providing criminal penalties; providing an effective
 date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Mary Chadwick Act."

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 790.15, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

790.15 Discharging firearm in public or on residential property.—

(4) Any person who recreationally discharges a firearm outdoors, including target shooting, in an area that the person knows or reasonably should know is primarily residential in nature ~~and that has a residential density of one or more dwelling units per acre,~~ commits a misdemeanor of the first

26 | degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. This
 27 | subsection does not apply:

28 | (a) To a person lawfully defending life or property or
 29 | performing official duties requiring the discharge of a firearm;

30 | (b) If, under the circumstances, the discharge does not
 31 | pose a reasonably foreseeable risk to life, safety, or property;
 32 | ~~or~~

33 | (c) To a person who accidentally discharges a firearm; or

34 | (d) To a person engaging in recreational shooting in an
 35 | area that the person knows or reasonably should know is
 36 | primarily residential in nature on a lot that is 5 acres or
 37 | larger. A person engaging in target shooting on such a lot may
 38 | only do so if the targets are in front of a dirt berm and
 39 | backstop sufficient to stop projectiles from crossing into a
 40 | neighboring property.

41 | Section 3. Paragraph (h) of subsection (2) of section
 42 | 810.09, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

43 | 810.09 Trespass on property other than structure or
 44 | conveyance.—

45 | (2)

46 | (h) Any person who in taking or attempting to take any
 47 | animal described in s. 379.101(19) or (20); ~~or~~ ~~or~~ in killing,
 48 | attempting to kill, or endangering any animal described in s.
 49 | 585.01(13); or in target shooting knowingly propels or causes to
 50 | be propelled any potentially lethal projectile over or across

51 private land without authorization commits trespass, a felony of
52 the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s.
53 775.083, or s. 775.084. For purposes of this paragraph, the term
54 "potentially lethal projectile" includes any projectile launched
55 from any firearm, bow, crossbow, or similar tensile device. This
56 section does not apply to any governmental agent or employee
57 acting within the scope of his or her official duties.

58 Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2019.