

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2015 and 2016 HB3829

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/7-5

from Ch. 38, par. 7-5

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a peace officer may reasonably believe deadly force is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm when a deadly weapon is being directed towards himself or herself or another person. Deletes provision from the peace officer's justified use of deadly force that the force is necessary to prevent the arrest from being defeated by resistance or escape.

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing Section 7-5 as follows:
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/7-5) (from Ch. 38, par. 7-5)
- 7 Sec. 7-5. Peace officer's use of force in making arrest.
- 8 (a) A peace officer, or any person whom he has summoned or
- 9 directed to assist him, need not retreat or desist from efforts
- 10 to make a lawful arrest because of resistance or threatened
- 11 resistance to the arrest. He is justified in the use of any
- 12 force which he reasonably believes to be necessary to effect
- 13 the arrest and of any force which he reasonably believes to be
- 14 necessary to defend himself or another from bodily harm while
- 15 making the arrest. However, he is justified in using force
- likely to cause death or great bodily harm only when he
- 17 reasonably believes that such force is necessary to prevent
- death or great bodily harm to himself or such other person, or
- 19 when he reasonably believes both that:

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- (1) (Blank); Such force is necessary to prevent the arrest from being defeated by resistance or escape; and
- 22 (2) <u>the</u> The person to be arrested has committed or 23 attempted a forcible felony which involves the infliction or

- 1 threatened infliction of great bodily harm; or
- 2 (3) the person is attempting to escape by use of a deadly
- 3 weapon<u>;</u> or
- 4 (4) the person otherwise indicates that he will endanger
- 5 human life or inflict great bodily harm unless arrested without
- 6 delay.
- 7 (b) A peace officer making an arrest pursuant to an invalid
- 8 warrant is justified in the use of any force which he would be
- 9 justified in using if the warrant were valid, unless he knows
- 10 that the warrant is invalid.
- 11 (c) For the purposes of this Section, a peace officer may
- 12 reasonably believe deadly force is necessary to prevent death
- or great bodily harm when a deadly weapon is being directed
- towards himself or herself or another person.
- 15 (Source: P.A. 84-1426.)