

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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BENNETT, VROON, CESSAR, LINCOLN, NOYE AND WAGNER,
MARCH 23, 1977

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 23, 1977

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, prohibiting prosecutions for the use
3 of weapons in the defense of one's dwelling or life.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 505 of Title 18, act of
7 November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes, is amended to read:

9 § 505. Use of force in self-protection.

10 (a) Use of force justifiable for protection of the person.--
11 The use of force upon or toward another person is justifiable
12 when the actor believes that such force is immediately necessary
13 for the purpose of protecting himself against the use of
14 unlawful force by such other person on the present occasion.
15 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this act, no person
16 shall be prosecuted under this act for the use of a weapon in
17 defense of his dwelling place or his life.

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2 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.