

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 78

Session of
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, further providing for the justifiable
3 use of force.

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

6 Section 1. Section 507(c) of Title 18 of the Pennsylvania
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a paragraph to read:

8 § 507. Use of force for the protection of property.

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10 (c) Limitations on justifiable use of force.--

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12 (5) The use of deadly force is justifiable under this
13 section if:

14 (i) the actor is an owner, manager, operator,
15 employee or agent of a business;

16 (ii) a robbery is committed on the premises of the
17 business and the robbery is directed against the actor;

18 (iii) the person committing the robbery has a deadly

1 weapon in his possession or the actor knows or reasonably
2 believes that the person has a deadly weapon in his
3 possession; and

4 (iv) the actor's use of force occurs while the
5 person against whom the force is used is on the business
6 premises.

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8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.