

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 742 Session of
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BELARDI, BROWN, GODSHALL, STABACK, SCHULER, WILT, LYNCH,
GEIST, BARRAR, EGOLF, MARKOSEK, MILLER AND BENNINGHOFF,
MARCH 11, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, MARCH 11, 1997

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, providing for use of deadly force by
3 peace officers.

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

6 Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
7 Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

8 § 511. Use of deadly force.

9 If a peace officer deems it prudent to use a firearm for the
10 purpose of preventing bodily harm to himself or others, there
11 shall be a presumption that the officer was acting lawfully at
12 that time.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.