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defense of premises; definition

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# HOUSE BILL 2843

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 13-407, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO  
JUSTIFICATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 13-407, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 13-407. Justification; use of physical force in defense of  
5 premises; definition

6 A. A person or his agent in lawful possession or control of  
7 premises is justified in threatening to use deadly physical force or in  
8 threatening or using physical force against another when and to the extent  
9 that a reasonable person would believe it immediately necessary to prevent  
10 or terminate the commission or attempted commission of a criminal trespass  
11 by the other person in or ~~upon~~ ON the premises.

12 B. A person may use deadly physical force under subsection A only  
13 in the defense of himself or third persons as described in sections 13-405  
14 and 13-406.

15 C. ~~in~~ FOR THE PURPOSES OF this section, "premises" means any real  
16 property ~~and~~ OR any structure, movable or immovable, permanent or  
17 temporary, adapted for ~~both~~-EITHER human residence ~~and~~ OR lodging whether  
18 occupied or not.