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HOUSE BILL NO. 2369

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 3, 2001)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Joannou)

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-91.1, relating to use of force against intruder.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-91.1 as follows:

§ 18.2-91.1. Use of physical force, including deadly force, against an intruder; justified self-defense.

Any person who lawfully occupies a dwelling is justified in using any degree of physical force, including deadly physical force, against another person when the other person has unlawfully entered the dwelling and it appears to the occupant that he or another person in the dwelling is in imminent danger of bodily harm.

Any occupant of a dwelling using physical force, including deadly physical force, as provided in this section shall be immune from civil liability for injuries or death resulting from the use of such force.

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