

HB13-1048

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TITLE: CONCERNING THE USE OF DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE AGAINST A PERSON WHO HAS MADE AN ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO A PLACE OF BUSINESS.

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2013-2014	FY 2014-2015
State Revenue		
State Expenditures General Fund	Potential increase	
FTE Position Change		
Effective Date: August 7, 2013, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 8, 2013, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed		
Appropriation Summary for FY 2013-2014: None required.		
Local Government Impact: None.		

Summary of Legislation

Current law permits the occupant of a dwelling to use deadly physical force against another person who has unlawfully entered the dwelling if the occupant reasonably believes that:

- the intruder is committing, has committed, or intends to commit a crime other than the unlawful entry; and
- he or she might use any physical force against the occupant.

This bill adds a place of business to the locations that may be defended with deadly physical force and an owner, manager, or employee of a business to the individuals who may defend a place using deadly physical force.

State Expenditures

While the bill may increase the length and complexity of cases in which deadly force is employed, such cases are rare. Any increase in the workload of the trial courts is expected to be minimal and will not require additional appropriations. Page 2 January 16, 2013

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