

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 HB3389

Introduced 2/17/2023, by Rep. Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/7-1

from Ch. 38, par. 7-1

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012. Provides that a person is not justified in the use of force against another if the person is a streetgang member or gang member and is in possession of a firearm in violation of the Deadly Weapons Article of the Code, the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act, or the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that a person is not justified in the use of force against another if the person is a convicted felon. Defines "streetgang member" and "gang member".

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1 AN ACT concerning criminal law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing Section 7-1 as follows:
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/7-1) (from Ch. 38, par. 7-1)
- 7 Sec. 7-1. Use of force in defense of person.
- 8 (a) A person is justified in the use of force against 9 another when and to the extent that he reasonably believes that such conduct is necessary to defend himself or another 10 against such other's imminent use of unlawful force. However, 11 he is justified in the use of force which is intended or likely 12 to cause death or great bodily harm only if he reasonably 13 14 believes that such force is necessary to prevent imminent death or great bodily harm to himself or another, or the 15 16 commission of a forcible felony.
 - (b) In no case shall any act involving the use of force justified under this Section give rise to any claim or liability brought by or on behalf of any person acting within the definition of "aggressor" set forth in Section 7-4 of this Article, or the estate, spouse, or other family member of such a person, against the person or estate of the person using such justified force, unless the use of force involves willful or

- wanton misconduct.
- 2 (c) A person is not justified in the use of force against
- another as provided in subsection (a) or (b) if the person is a
- 4 streetgang member or gang member and is in possession of a
- firearm in violation of Article 24 of this Code, the Firearm
- 6 Owners Identification Card Act, or the Firearm Concealed Carry
- 7 Act.
- 8 (d) A person is not justified in the use of force against
- 9 <u>another as provided in subsection (a) or (b) if the person is a</u>
- 10 <u>convicted felon.</u>
- 11 (e) In this Section, "streetgang member" and "gang member"
- 12 have the meanings ascribed to those terms in Section 10 of the
- 13 Illinois Streetgang Terrorism Omnibus Prevention Act.
- 14 (Source: P.A. 93-832, eff. 7-28-04.)