
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the burden of proof when a claim of self-defense is raised in criminal or civil proceedings.

Proposed law provides that in any criminal proceeding in which the justification of self-defense is raised pursuant to present law (R.S. 14:19 or 20), the state shall have the burden to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant did not act in self-defense.

Proposed law provides that in any civil proceeding in which the defense of self-defense is raised, the defendant shall have the burden to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that he acted in self-defense.

(Adds C.E. Art. 1105)