

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This is a bill to update Idaho's current self-defense statutes. The current statute is outdated and in need of revisions. The victims, or those who have fired in self-defense, will be presumed innocent whereas the current law presumes the criminal is innocent in a self-defense situation. Prosecutorial discretion is still available for situations where law enforcement feel that a shooting was unjustified. Provisions also exist to protect law enforcement officers acting in an official capacity. The bill also provides reimbursement of legal expenses by the State of Idaho to the victim in the event they are found "not guilty" using a self-defense claim. The ability to defend yourself is extended to vehicles and one's place of business. The bill will also codify Idaho's current "Stand Your Ground" law.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund and/or local government entities. The legislative changes do not affect the responsibilities of law enforcement or the judicial system.

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