1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 58th Legislature (2021)
4	ENGROSSED SENATE
5	BILL NO. 560 By: Dahm, Bergstrom and Hamilton of the Senate
6	and
7	West (Rick) of the House
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10	An Act relating to self-defense; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.25, as last amended by Section 1,
11	Chapter 218, O.S.L. 2018 (21 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1, 1289.25), which relates to physical or deadly force
12	against intruder; prohibiting certain prosecution for offense; and providing an effective date.
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15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
16	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.25, as
17	last amended by Section 1, Chapter 218, O.S.L. 2018 (21 O.S. Supp.
18	2020, Section 1289.25), is amended to read as follows:
19	Section 1289.25.
20	PHYSICAL OR DEADLY FORCE AGAINST INTRUDER
21	A. The Legislature hereby recognizes that the citizens of the
22	State of Oklahoma have a right to expect absolute safety within
23	their own homes, places of business or places of worship and have
24	the right to establish policies regarding the possession of weapons

on property pursuant to the provisions of Section 1290.22 of this
 title.

B. A person, regardless of official capacity or lack of official capacity, within a place of worship or a person, an owner, manager or employee of a business is presumed to have held a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another when using defensive force that is intended or likely to cause death or great bodily harm to another j if:

10 1. The person against whom the defensive force was used a. 11 was in the process of unlawfully and forcefully 12 entering, or had unlawfully and forcibly entered, a dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle, place of 13 business or place of worship, or if that person had 14 15 removed or was attempting to remove another against the will of that person from the dwelling, residence, 16 occupied vehicle, place of business or place of 17 worship. 18

b. The person who uses defensive force knew or had reason
to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry or
unlawful and forcible act was occurring or had
occurred; or

23 2. The person who uses defensive force knew or had a reasonable24 belief that the person against whom the defensive force was used

entered or was attempting to enter into a dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle, place of business or place of worship for the purpose of committing a forcible felony, as defined in Section 733 of this title, and that the defensive force was necessary to prevent the commission of the forcible felony.

6 C. The presumption set forth in subsection B of this section7 does not apply if:

8 1. The person against whom the defensive force is used has the 9 right to be in or is a lawful resident of the dwelling, residence, 10 or vehicle, such as an owner, lessee, or titleholder, and there is 11 not a protective order from domestic violence in effect or a written 12 pretrial supervision order of no contact against that person;

13 2. The person or persons sought to be removed are children or 14 grandchildren, or are otherwise in the lawful custody or under the 15 lawful guardianship of, the person against whom the defensive force 16 is used; or

17 3. The person who uses defensive force is engaged in an 18 unlawful activity or is using the dwelling, residence, occupied 19 vehicle, place of business or place of worship to further an 20 unlawful activity.

D. A person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity and who is attacked in any other place where he or she has a right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force, including deadly force, if he or she

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1 reasonably believes it is necessary to do so to prevent death or 2 great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the 3 commission of a forcible felony.

E. A person who unlawfully and by force enters or attempts to
enter the dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle of another person,
place of business or place of worship is presumed to be doing so
with the intent to commit an unlawful act involving force or
violence.

9 F. <u>A person, who lawfully is in an occupied vehicle that is</u>
10 <u>approached and surrounded by a person or persons engaged in unlawful</u>
11 <u>activity who has blocked the road, shall not be subject to criminal</u>
12 <u>or civil prosecution for a reasonable effort to escape from the</u>
13 unlawful activity with or without damage to the vehicle.

<u>G.</u> A person who uses defensive force, as permitted pursuant to the provisions of subsections A, B, D and, E and F of this section, is justified in using such defensive force and is immune from criminal prosecution and civil action for the use of such defensive force. As used in this subsection, the term "criminal prosecution" includes charging or prosecuting the defendant.

20 G. H. A law enforcement agency may use standard procedures for 21 investigating the use of defensive force, but the law enforcement 22 agency may not arrest the person for using defensive force unless it 23 determines that there is probable cause that the defensive force 24 that was used was unlawful. 1 H. I. The court shall award reasonable attorney fees, court 2 costs, compensation for loss of income, and all expenses incurred by 3 the defendant in defense of any civil action brought by a plaintiff 4 if the court finds that the defendant is immune from prosecution as 5 provided in subsection $\frac{1}{2}$ of this section.

6 I. J. The provisions of this section and the provisions of the
7 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall not be construed to require any
8 person using a weapon pursuant to the provisions of this section to
9 be licensed in any manner.

10 J. K. A person pointing a weapon at a perpetrator in self-11 defense or in order to thwart, stop or deter a forcible felony or 12 attempted forcible felony shall not be deemed guilty of committing a 13 criminal act.

14 K. L. As used in this section:

1. "Defensive force" includes, but shall not be limited to,
 pointing a weapon at a perpetrator in self-defense or in order to
 thwart, stop or deter a forcible felony or attempted forcible
 felony;

19 2. "Dwelling" means a building or conveyance of any kind,
20 including any attached porch, whether the building or conveyance is
21 temporary or permanent, mobile or immobile, which has a roof over
22 it, including a tent, and is designed to be occupied by people;
23 3. "Place of worship" means:

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- 1a.any permanent building, structure, facility or office2space owned, leased, rented or borrowed, on a full-3time basis, when used for worship services, activities4and business of the congregation, which may include,5but not be limited to, churches, temples, synagogues6and mosques, and
- b. any permanent building, structure, facility or office
 space owned, leased, rented or borrowed for use on a
 temporary basis, when used for worship services,
 activities and business of the congregation including,
 but not limited to, churches, temples, synagogues and
 mosques;
- 13 4. "Residence" means a dwelling in which a person resides 14 either temporarily or permanently or is visiting as an invited 15 guest; and

16 5. "Vehicle" means a conveyance of any kind, whether or not
17 motorized, which is designed to transport people or property.
18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY - CRIMINAL, dated 03/31/2021 - DO PASS.

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