

2012 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 48

House Amendments in [] — February 8, 2012

1 A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 18.2-91.1, relating to self-defense
2 and defense of others.

3 Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Bell, Richard P.

4 Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

6 1. **That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-91.1 as follows:**

7 § 18.2-91.1. Use of physical force, including deadly force, against an intruder; justified self-defense.

8 Any person who lawfully occupies a dwelling is justified in using any degree of physical force,
9 including deadly physical force, against another person when the other person has unlawfully entered
10 the dwelling [without the permission of said occupant], having committed an overt act toward the
11 occupant or another person in the dwelling, and the occupant reasonably believes he or another person
12 in the dwelling is in imminent danger of bodily injury.

13 [Any occupant of a dwelling using physical force, including deadly physical force, as provided in
14 this section shall be immune from civil liability for injuries to or death of the other person who has
15 unlawfully entered the dwelling that results from the use of such force.]

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