

SENATE BILL 859

By Taylor

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 11 and Title 40, relative to self-defense.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-611(c), is amended by designating the current language as subdivision (c)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (c)(2):

(2) A person using force intended or likely to cause death or serious bodily injury from within the person's residence or dwelling is presumed to have acted in accordance with subdivision (b)(2) when that force is used against an individual armed with a deadly weapon who is unlawfully present on the person's property and outside of the enclosed structure of the person's residence or dwelling.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-11-611(d), is amended by deleting "subsection (c)" and substituting "subdivision (c)(1)".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.