
SENATE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senator Morris to Reengrossed House Bill No. 294 by Representative Firment

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 17, delete "lawfully present and permitted" and insert "who is lawfully"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, at the end of line 19 delete "Such"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, delete line 20 and insert:

7 "A verbal request to leave the premises shall constitute notice to the person that he
8 is not authorized to be present."

9 AMENDMENT NO. 4

10 On page 2, delete line 1 and insert:

11 "C. Any person who is lawfully on the premises may use reasonable and
12 apparently necessary force when used in"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 5

14 On page 2, line 3, delete "lawfully present" and insert "who is lawfully"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 6

16 On page 2, delete line 10 and insert:

17 "worship, the use of force by a person who is lawfully on the premises shall
18 be limited to an amount reasonably and apparently"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 7

20 On page 2, line 14, change "permitted" to "allowed"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 8

22 On page 2, delete lines 15 through 22 and insert:

23 "E.(1) Any person who is lawfully on the premises who uses reasonable and
24 apparently necessary force pursuant to this Section and the organization which owns
25 or leases the premises for religious activities shall not be liable in tort to any person
26 for the use of such force.

27 (2) A request made pursuant to Subsection B of this Section shall constitute
28 an affirmative defense against any criminal or civil action brought against a person
29 who was lawfully on the premises and used reasonable and apparently necessary
30 force to terminate a trespass."

31 AMENDMENT NO. 9

32 On page 3, delete lines 1 through 5 and insert:

1 "(4) In any civil action arising from the use of force against a trespasser
2 pursuant to this Section, a defendant who is either a person who was lawfully present
3 on the premises or a religious organization may file a motion asserting immunity
4 from suit. Upon the filing of the motion, the court shall conduct a pretrial immunity
5 hearing. If the court determines by a preponderance of the evidence that the
6 defendant is entitled to immunity, the court shall dismiss the action."