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Sponsor Statement

HB 80 recognizes that Alaskan residents have a right to use deadly force to protect their family and person, whether they are at home, work, or in any place they have a right to be present. It does this by expanding your right to stand your ground when threatened and by making statutes clear that deadly force is justified not only in the case of burglary, the kidnapping of household members, but also in the case of a carjacking of an occupied vehicle and any other place a person has a right to be.

By expanding the rights of Alaskans to stand their ground in any place they are rightfully present, we tell our residents that their decision to use deadly force to defend themselves and their families will not be questioned, and make it clear that it is the **criminal** who has the duty to retreat.

House Bill 80 strengthens the legal recognition of the basic human right to defend oneself.