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3 \* **Section 1.** AS 09.65 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4           **Sec. 09.65.330. Immunity: Use of defensive force.** (a) A person who uses  
5 force in defense of self, other persons, or property as permitted in AS 11.81 is not  
6 liable for the death of or injury to the person against whom the force was intended to  
7 be used, unless the person against whom force was used was

8                       (1) a peace officer, whether on or off duty, who was engaged in the  
9 performance of official duties;

10                      (2) a fire fighter, emergency medical technician, or paramedic engaged  
11 in the performance of official duties; or

12                      (3) medical personnel, a health care provider, or a first responder in an  
13 emergency situation.

14                      (b) The court shall award reasonable attorney fees, court costs, compensation  
15 for loss of income, and all expenses incurred by the defendant in defense of a civil

1 action brought by a plaintiff if the court finds that the defendant is not liable under (a)  
2 of this section.

3 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 11.81.330 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 11.81.330. Justification: Use of nondeadly force in defense of self.** (a)

5 A person **is justified in using** [MAY USE] nondeadly force upon another when and to  
6 the extent the person reasonably believes it is necessary for **self-defense** [SELF  
7 DEFENSE] against what the person reasonably believes to be the use of unlawful  
8 force by the other **person**, unless

9 (1) **the person used** the force **in** [INVOLVED WAS THE PRODUCT  
10 OF] mutual combat not authorized by law;

11 (2) the person claiming **self-defense** [THE DEFENSE OF  
12 JUSTIFICATION] provoked the other's conduct with intent to cause physical injury to  
13 the other;

14 (3) the person claiming **self-defense** [THE DEFENSE OF  
15 JUSTIFICATION] was the initial aggressor; or

16 (4) the force **used** [APPLIED] was the result of using a deadly weapon  
17 **or dangerous instrument** the person claiming **self-defense** [THE DEFENSE OF  
18 JUSTIFICATION] possessed while

19 (A) acting alone or with others to further a felony criminal  
20 objective of the person or one or more other persons; [OR]

21 (B) a participant in a felony transaction or purported  
22 transaction or in immediate flight from a felony transaction or purported  
23 transaction in violation of AS 11.71; **or**

24 **(C) acting alone or with others in revenge for, retaliation**  
25 **for, or response to actual or perceived conduct by a rival or perceived**  
26 **rival, or a member or perceived member of a rival group, if the person**  
27 **using deadly force, or the group on whose behalf the person is acting, has**  
28 **a history or reputation for violence among civilians.**

29 (b) **A** [IN CIRCUMSTANCES DESCRIBED IN (a)(1) - (a)(3) OF THIS  
30 SECTION, THE] person **who is not justified in using force in self-defense in the**  
31 **circumstances listed in (a)(1) - (3) of this section is justified in using** [CLAIMING

1 THE DEFENSE OF JUSTIFICATION MAY USE NONDEADLY] force in self-  
2 defense if that person has withdrawn from the encounter and effectively  
3 communicated the withdrawal to the other person, but the other person persists in  
4 continuing the incident by the use of unlawful force.

5 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 11.81.335 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 11.81.335. Justification: Use of deadly force in defense of self.** (a)

7 Except as provided in (b) of this section, a person who is justified in using  
8 nondeadly force in self-defense under AS 11.81.330 may use deadly force in self-  
9 defense upon another person when and to the extent

10 [(1) THE USE OF NONDEADLY FORCE IS JUSTIFIED UNDER  
11 AS 11.81.330; AND

12 (2)] the person reasonably believes the use of deadly force is necessary  
13 for self-defense [SELF DEFENSE] against

14 (1) death;

15 (2) [,] serious physical injury;

16 (3) [,] kidnapping, except for what is described as custodial  
17 interference in the first degree in AS 11.41.320;

18 (4) sexual assault in the first degree;

19 (5) [,] sexual assault in the second degree;

20 (6) sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree; [,] or

21 (7) robbery in any degree.

22 (b) A person may not use deadly force under this section if the person knows  
23 that, with complete personal safety and with complete safety as to others being  
24 defended, the person can avoid the necessity of using deadly force by leaving the  
25 area of the encounter [RETREATING], except there is no duty to leave the area  
26 [RETREAT] if the person is

27 (1) on premises

28 (A) that [WHICH] the person owns or leases;

29 (B) where the person resides, temporarily or permanently;

30 or

31 (C) as a guest or express or implied agent of the owner,

1           **lessor, or resident** [AND THE PERSON IS NOT THE INITIAL  
2           AGGRESSOR]; [OR]

3                   (2) a peace officer acting within the scope and authority of the officer's  
4           employment or a person assisting a peace officer under AS 11.81.380;

5                   **(3) in a building where the person works in the ordinary course of**  
6           **the person's employment; or**

7                   **(4) protecting a child or a member of the person's household.**

8   \* **Sec. 4.** AS 11.81.340 is amended to read:

9                   **Sec. 11.81.340. Justification: Use of force in defense of a third person.** A  
10          person **is justified in using** [MAY USE] force upon another when and to the extent  
11          the person reasonably believes it is necessary to defend a third person when, under the  
12          circumstances as the person claiming **defense of another** [THE DEFENSE OF  
13          JUSTIFICATION] reasonably believes them to be, the third person would be justified  
14          under AS 11.81.330 or 11.81.335 in using that degree of force for **self-defense** [SELF  
15          DEFENSE].

16   \* **Sec. 5.** AS 11.81.350(c) is amended to read:

17                   (c) A person in possession or control of any premises, or **a guest or** an express  
18          or implied agent of that person, may use

19                   (1) nondeadly force upon another when and to the extent the person  
20          reasonably believes it is necessary to terminate what the person reasonably believes to  
21          be the commission or attempted commission by the other of criminal trespass in any  
22          degree upon the premises;

23                   (2) deadly force upon another when and to the extent the person  
24          reasonably believes it is necessary to terminate what the person reasonably believes to  
25          be a burglary in any degree occurring in an occupied dwelling or building.

26   \* **Sec. 6.** AS 11.81.350 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

27                   (e) A person

28                   (1) in a vehicle, or forcibly removed from a vehicle, may use deadly  
29          force upon another when and to the extent the person reasonably believes it is  
30          necessary to terminate what the person reasonably believes to be a carjacking of that  
31          vehicle at or about the time the vehicle is carjacked;

1                   (2) outside of a vehicle may use deadly force upon another when and  
2 to the extent the person reasonably believes it is necessary to terminate what the  
3 person reasonably believes to be the theft of that vehicle when another person, other  
4 than the perceived offender, is inside of the vehicle; this paragraph does not apply to a  
5 person outside of a vehicle who is involved in a dispute with a person inside of the  
6 vehicle who is a household member of that person; in this paragraph, "household  
7 member" has the meaning given in AS 18.66.990.

8                   (f) A person justified in using force under this section does not have a duty to  
9 leave or attempt to leave the area of the encounter before using force.

10                  (g) In (e) of this section,

11                   (1) "carjacking" means a robbery involving the taking or attempted  
12 taking of a vehicle from a person in possession of the vehicle;

13                   (2) "vehicle" means a "motor vehicle" as defined in AS 28.40.100, an  
14 aircraft, or a watercraft.

15       \* **Sec. 7.** AS 11.81.350(d) is repealed.