

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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3 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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5 Legislative Document

No. 206

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7 H.P. 172

House of Representatives, January 29, 1985

8 Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

9 EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

10 Presented by Representative Drinkwater of Belfast.

Cosponsored by Representative Whitcomb of Waldo.

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12 STATE OF MAINE  
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14 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
15 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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17 AN ACT to Redefine Deadly Force.  
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19 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as  
20 follows:

21 17-A MRSA §2, sub-§8, as enacted by PL 1975, c.  
22 499, §1, is repealed and the following enacted in its  
23 place:

24 8. "Deadly force" means physical force which a  
25 person uses against another person with the intent to  
26 kill.

27 STATEMENT OF FACT

28 This bill allows a property owner the use of more  
29 nondeadly force to protect his property from criminal  
30 mischief, from being illegally taken from him or to

1     retake it immediately after the taking, a right guar-  
2     anteed him under the Constitution of Maine, Article  
3     I, Section 1.

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