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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to weapons or firearms; amending s.
3 790.15, F.S.; prohibiting any discharge of a firearm
4 on residential property, regardless of whether the
5 discharge occurs outdoors or in a reckless or
6 negligent manner; providing criminal penalties;
7 providing an effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 790.15, Florida
12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 790.15 Discharging firearm in public or on residential
14 property.—

15 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) or subsection
16 (3), any person who knowingly discharges a firearm in any public
17 place or on the right-of-way of any paved public road, highway,
18 or street, who knowingly discharges any firearm over the right-
19 of-way of any paved public road, highway, or street or over any
20 occupied premises, or who ~~recklessly or negligently~~ discharges a
21 firearm ~~outdoors~~ on any property used primarily as the site of a
22 dwelling as defined in s. 776.013 or zoned exclusively for
23 residential use commits a misdemeanor of the first degree,
24 punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. This section
25 does not apply to a person lawfully defending life or property
26 or performing official duties requiring the discharge of a

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27 | firearm or to a person discharging a firearm on public roads or
28 | properties expressly approved for hunting by the Fish and
29 | Wildlife Conservation Commission or Florida Forest Service.

30 | Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2015.