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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to enhanced firearms training
3 facilities; creating s. 790.501, F.S.; exempting from
4 local government specified restrictions for the
5 location of licensed enhanced firearms training
6 facilities; providing definitions; establishing
7 procedures for licensure; requiring certain sheriffs
8 to provide an affidavit; specifying the duration of a
9 license; specifying conditions under which a license
10 is revoked; authorizing an enhanced firearms training
11 facility to provide training and certification to the
12 guardian program; requiring the Department of
13 Agriculture and Consumer Services to adopt rules;
14 providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Section 790.501, Florida Statutes, is created
19 to read:

20 790.501 Enhanced firearms training facilities; licensing.-

21 (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a facility
22 that is licensed under subsection (2) as an enhanced firearms
23 training facility is exempt from any local government planning
24 and zoning or public works restrictions.

25 (2) For purposes of this section, the term:

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26 (a) "Enhanced firearms training facility" means a facility
27 located on land zoned for agricultural use or the equivalent
28 which is used to train people in the use of firearms and
29 personal safety.

30 (b) "Owner" means a person who:

31 1. Holds the legal title to the land and facilities upon
32 which the enhanced firearms training facility will be licensed;
33 or

34 2. Holds a percentage interest in the agricultural land
35 and facilities that is equal to or greater than the other
36 persons who also hold a legal interest, if the legal title is
37 held in the name of two or more people.

38 (3) To receive a license, the owner of an enhanced
39 firearms training facility must:

40 (a) Complete and submit an application to the Department
41 of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

42 (b) Have successfully passed a Level 2 background
43 screening as provided in s. 435.04(2).

44 (c) Have no felony conviction.

45 (d) Have successfully completed a chief range safety
46 officer training program approved by the Department of
47 Agriculture and Consumer Services.

48 (e) Hold a class "K" firearms instructor license from the
49 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

50 (4) In addition to meeting the requirements of subsection

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51 (3), the owner of an enhanced firearms training facility must
52 provide the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services with
53 an affidavit from the sheriff who has jurisdiction of the
54 facility, attesting to the fact that the sheriff:

55 1. Has personally visited the land and facilities upon
56 which the enhanced firearms training facility will be licensed.

57 2. Has determined the land and facilities would fulfill a
58 public safety training need for which this section was created.

59 3. Has determined that the land and facilities are large
60 enough and sufficiently equipped to provide enhanced firearms
61 training.

62 (5) An enhanced firearms training facility license must be
63 renewed annually and remains effective for 12 months or until
64 the department determines that the owner of the enhanced
65 firearms training facility is no longer in compliance with
66 paragraph (3)(c), paragraph (3)(d), or paragraph (3)(e).

67 (6) An enhanced firearms training facility may provide
68 training and certification for the guardian program under s.
69 30.15(1)(k).

70 (7) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
71 shall adopt rules to implement this section.

72 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.