1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT ТΟ ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 925 By: Dahm, Hamilton, Bergstrom, Stephens and Allen of the 3 Senate 4 and 5 Steagall, West (Kevin) and McDugle of the House 6 7 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2011, 8 Sections 1279, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 171, 9 O.S.L. 2013 and 1280 (21 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1279), which relate to pointing a firearm and related 10 penalties; expanding scope of certain prohibited act; removing administrative penalty provision; updating language; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.16, as 11 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 266, O.S.L. 2017 12 and 1289.25, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 218, O.S.L. 2018 (21 O.S. Supp. 2020, Sections 1.3 1289.16 and 1289.25), which relate to Oklahoma Firearms Act of 1971; authorizing the pointing of 14 firearms under certain circumstances; removing administrative penalty provision; removing certain 15 presumption; providing for the defensive display of firearms under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; providing examples of certain action; and 16 declaring an emergency. 17 18 19 AUTHORS: Add the following House Coauthors: Manger and Roberts (Sean) 20 21 AUTHOR: Add the following Senate Coauthor: 22 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Delete the title, enacting clause and entire bill and replace with: 23 24

"An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Sections 1289.16, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 266, O.S.L. 2017, 1289.17 and 1289.25, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 218, O.S.L. 2018 (21 O.S. Supp. 2020, Sections 1289.16 and 1289.25), which relate to Oklahoma Firearms Act of 1971; modifying provisions related to authorized use of firearms; modifying penalties; providing for the defensive display of firearms under certain circumstances; providing exceptions; providing examples of certain action; defining term; and declaring an emergency.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

9 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.16, as

last amended by Section 1, Chapter 266, O.S.L. 2017 (21 O.S. Supp.

2020, Section 1289.16), is amended to read as follows:

12 | Section 1289.16

FELONY POINTING FIREARMS

- $\underline{\text{A.}}$ Except for an act of self-defense, it shall be unlawful for any person to $\frac{\text{Willfully}}{\text{Willfully}}$:
- 1. Point any firearm or any other deadly weapon, whether loaded or not, at any other person or persons; or
- 2. Willfully or without lawful cause point a shotgun, rifle or pistol, any firearm or any deadly weapon, whether loaded or not, at any other person or persons for the purpose of threatening or with the intention of discharging the firearm or with any malice or for any purpose of injuring, either through physical injury or mental or emotional intimidation or for purposes of whimsy, humor or prank, or in anger or otherwise, but not to.

- B. The provisions of this section shall not include the pointing of shotguns, rifles or pistols a firearm or other deadly weapon by law:
 - 1. Law enforcement authorities in the performance of their duties, armed;
 - 2. Armed security guards licensed by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training pursuant to the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act in the performance of their duties, members;
 - 3. Members of the state military forces in the performance of their duties, members;
 - 4. Members of the federal military reserve and active military components in the performance of their duties, or any federal;
 - 5. Federal government law enforcement officer officers in the performance of any duty, or their duties;
 - 6. Any person in the performance of a play on stage, at a rodeo, on television or on film, or in defense of any; and
 - 7. Any person, one's home or property in the defensive display of a firearm or other deadly weapon as provided for in subsection K of Section 1289.25 of this title.
 - C. Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1289.17 of this title.

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1 Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this 2 section after having been issued a handgun license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall have the license revoked and shall 3 4 be subject to an administrative fine of One Thousand Dollars 5 (\$1,000.00), upon a hearing and determination by the Oklahoma State 6 Bureau of Investigation that the person is in violation of the 7 provisions of this section. SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.17, is 8 9 amended to read as follows: 10 Section 1289.17 11 PENALTIES FOR 1289.16 12 Any violation person who violates the provisions of Section 13 1289.16 of this title shall constitute a felony, for which a person 14 convicted thereof shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to punished 15 by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary custody of the Department 16 of Corrections for not less than one (1) year nor more than ten (10) 17 years, or punished as a misdemeanor by imprisonment in the county 18 jail for not more than one (1) year, or by a fine of not more than 19 One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and 20 imprisonment. 21 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.25, as 22 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 218, O.S.L. 2018 (21 O.S. Supp. 23 2020, Section 1289.25), is amended to read as follows: 24 Section 1289.25

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- The Legislature hereby recognizes that the citizens of the State of Oklahoma have a right to expect absolute safety within their own homes, places of business, occupied premises or places of worship and have the right to establish policies regarding the possession of weapons on property pursuant to the provisions of Section 1290.22 of this title.
- B. A person, regardless of official capacity or lack of official capacity, within a place of worship or occupied premises or a person, an owner, manager or employee of a business is presumed to have held a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another when using defensive force that is intended or likely to cause death or great bodily harm to another if:
 - The person against whom the defensive force was used 1. was in the process of unlawfully and forcefully entering, or had unlawfully and forcibly entered, a dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle, place of business, occupied premises or place of worship, or if that person had removed or was attempting to remove another against the will of that person from the dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle, place of business, occupied premises or place of worship.

- b. The person who uses defensive force knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry or unlawful and forcible act on the occupied premises was occurring or had occurred; or
- 2. The person who uses defensive force knew or had a reasonable belief that the person against whom the defensive force was used entered or was attempting to enter into a dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle, place of business, occupied premises or place of worship for the purpose of committing a forcible felony, as defined in Section 733 of this title, and that the defensive force was necessary to prevent the commission of the forcible felony.
- C. The presumption set forth in subsection B of this section does not apply if:
- 1. The person against whom the defensive force is used has the right to be in or is a lawful resident of the dwelling, occupied premises, residence, or vehicle, such as an owner, lessee, or titleholder, and there is not a protective order from domestic violence in effect or a written pretrial supervision order of no contact against that person;
- 2. The person or persons sought to be removed are children or grandchildren, or are otherwise in the lawful custody or under the lawful guardianship of, the person against whom the defensive force is used; or

- 3. The person who uses defensive force is engaged in an unlawful activity or is using the dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle, place of business or place of worship or occupied premises to further an unlawful activity.
- D. A person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity and who is attacked in any other place where he or she has a right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force, including deadly force, if he or she reasonably believes it is necessary to do so to prevent death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the commission of a forcible felony.
- E. A person who unlawfully and by force enters or attempts to enter the dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle of another person, place of business, occupied premises or place of worship is presumed to be doing so with the intent to commit an unlawful act involving force or violence.
- F. A person who uses defensive force, as permitted pursuant to the provisions of subsections A, B, D and E of this section, is justified in using such defensive force and is immune from shall not be subject to criminal prosecution and civil action for the use of such defensive force. As used in this subsection, the term "criminal prosecution" includes charging or prosecuting the defendant.

G. A law enforcement agency may use standard procedures for investigating the use of defensive force, but the law enforcement agency may not arrest the person for using defensive force unless it determines that there is probable cause that the defensive force that was used was unlawful.

- H. The court shall award reasonable attorney fees, court costs, compensation for loss of income, and all expenses incurred by the defendant in defense of any civil action brought by a plaintiff if the court finds that the defendant is immune from not subject to prosecution as provided in subsection F of this section.
- I. The provisions of this section and the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall not be construed to require any person using a weapon pursuant to the provisions of this section to be licensed in any manner.
- J. A person pointing a weapon at a perpetrator in self-defense or in order to thwart, stop or deter a forcible felony or attempted forcible felony shall not be deemed guilty of committing a criminal act.
- 19 K. 1. Defensive display of a firearm or other deadly weapon by
 20 a person is justified when and to the extent a reasonable person who
 21 believes that physical force is immediately necessary to protect
 22 himself, herself or another against the use or attempted use of
 23 unlawful physical or deadly force by a person, premises owner or
 24 controller in self-defense, or in defense of real or private

| 1 | property, located on any premises, owned, rented, leased or occupied |
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| 2 | by permission of the premises owner or controller, whether or not a |
| 3 | person is in possession of a valid handgun license pursuant to the |
| 4 | provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and shall not be deemed |
| 5 | a criminal act. |

- 2. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person who:
 - a. intentionally provokes another person to use or attempt to use unlawful physical or deadly force, or
 - b. uses a firearm during the commission of an unlawful act involving force or violence.
- 3. The provisions of this subsection do not require the defensive display of a firearm or any other deadly weapon before the use of defensive force or the threat of defensive force by a person who is justified in the use or threatened use of defensive force.
- 4. For purposes of this subsection, "defensive display of a firearm" includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. verbally informing another person that the person possesses or has available a firearm or any other deadly weapon,
 - <u>b.</u> exposing or displaying a firearm or any other deadly
 weapon in a manner that a reasonable person would
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- c. placing the hand of the person on a firearm or any other deadly weapon while the firearm is contained in a pocket, purse, holster, sling scabbard, case or other means of containment or transport.
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- 1. "Defensive force" includes, but shall not be limited to, pointing a weapon at a perpetrator in self-defense or in order to thwart, stop or deter a forcible felony or attempted forcible felony;
- 2. "Dwelling" means a building or conveyance of any kind, including any attached porch, whether the building or conveyance is temporary or permanent, mobile or immobile, which has a roof over it, including a tent, and is designed to be occupied by people;
 - 3. "Place of worship" means:
 - a. any permanent building, structure, facility or office space owned, leased, rented or borrowed, on a full-time basis, when used for worship services, activities and business of the congregation, which may include, but not be limited to, churches, temples, synagogues and mosques, and
 - b. any permanent building, structure, facility or office space owned, leased, rented or borrowed for use on a

temporary basis, when used for worship services, activities and business of the congregation including, but not limited to, churches, temples, synagogues and mosques;

- 4. "Residence" or occupied premises means a dwelling or building in which a person resides is occupying either temporarily or permanently or is visiting as an invited guest; and
- 5. "Vehicle" means a conveyance of any kind, whether or not motorized, which is designed to transport people or property; and
- 6. "Occupied premises" means any premises occupied by an owner, tenant, lessee, business, place of worship, liquor store, guest or by an authorized user of the premises including their agents.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval."

| 1 | Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of April, 2021. |
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Except for an act of self-defense, it It shall be unlawful for any person to point any pistol firearm or any other deadly weapon whether loaded or not, at any other person or persons. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in Section 1280 of this title.

Any person convicted of violating the The provisions of this section after having been issued a shall not apply to persons acting in self-defense or to home or business owners in defense of their real or private property that is owned, leased or occupied and whether or not they possess a valid handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act may be subject to an administrative violation as provided in Section 1280 of this title.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1280, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1280.

PENALTY FOR 1279

Any person violating the provisions of Section 1279 of this title, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. The person offending shall be punished punishable by a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not less than three (3) nor more than twelve (12) months. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of Section 1279 of

this title after having been issued a handgun license pursuant to
the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, Sections 1 through

25 of this act, shall have the handgun license permanently revoked
and shall be liable for an administrative fine of Fifty Dollars

(\$50.00) upon a hearing and determination by the Oklahoma State
Bureau of Investigation that the person is in violation of the

provisions of this section.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.16, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 266, O.S.L. 2017 (21 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1289.16), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.16.

FELONY POINTING FIREARMS

Except for A. It shall be lawful to point shotguns, rifles or pistols, knives or any other deadly weapon at another person or persons, by a person that can legally own or possess a weapon pursuant to the provisions of Section 1272 of this title during an act of self-defense, it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or without lawful cause point a shotgun, rifle or pistol, or any deadly weapon, whether loaded or not, at any person or persons for the purpose of threatening or with the intention of discharging the firearm or with any malice or for any purpose of injuring, either through physical injury or mental or emotional intimidation or for purposes of whimsy, humor or prank, or in anger or otherwise, but not to include the pointing of shotguns, rifles or

1 pistols by a premises owner or controller, in self-defense, or in 2 defense of real or private property located on any premises, or 3 owned, rented, leased or occupied by permission of the premises 4 owner or controller, whether or not a person is in possession of a 5 valid handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, or by law enforcement authorities in the 6 performance of their duties, armed security guards licensed by the 7 Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training pursuant to the 9 Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act in the 10 performance of their duties, members of the state military forces in 11 the performance of their duties, a person in possession of a valid 12 handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, members of the federal military reserve and active 13 military components in the performance of their duties, or any 14 15 federal government law enforcement officer in the performance of any duty, or in the performance of a play on stage, rodeo, television 16 program or on film, or in defense of any person, one's home or 17 18 property. B. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully and without 19 lawful cause point a shotgun, rifle or pistol, knife or any other 20

deadly weapon, whether loaded or not, at any person or persons for

the purpose of threatening or with the intention of discharging the

firearm or with any malice or for any purpose of injuring, either

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- through physical injury or mental or emotional intimidation or for purposes of whimsy, humor or prank, or in anger or otherwise.
- C. Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1289.17 of this title.

Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of this section after having been issued a handgun license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall have the license revoked and shall be subject to an administrative fine of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), upon a hearing and determination by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation that the person is in violation of the provisions of this section.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.25, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 218, O.S.L. 2018 (21 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 1289.25), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.25.

PHYSICAL OR DEADLY FORCE AGAINST INTRUDER

A. The Legislature hereby recognizes that the citizens of the State of Oklahoma have a right to expect absolute safety within their own homes, places of business, occupied premises or places of worship and have the right to establish policies regarding the possession of weapons on property pursuant to the provisions of Section 1290.22 of this title.

- B. A person, regardless of official capacity or lack of official capacity, within a place of worship or occupied premises or a person, an owner, manager or employee of a business is presumed to have held a reasonable fear of imminent peril of death or great bodily harm to himself or herself or another when using defensive force that is intended or likely to cause death or great bodily harm to another if:
 - 1. a. The person against whom the defensive force was used was in the process of unlawfully and forcefully entering, or had unlawfully and forcibly entered, a dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle, place of business, occupied premises or place of worship, or if that person had removed or was attempting to remove another against the will of that person from the dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle, place of business, occupied premises or place of worship.
 - b. The person who uses defensive force knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry or unlawful and forcible act on the occupied premises was occurring or had occurred; or
 - 2. The person who uses defensive force knew or had a reasonable belief that the person against whom the defensive force was used entered or was attempting to enter into a dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle, place of business, occupied premises or place of

- worship for the purpose of committing a forcible felony, as defined in Section 733 of this title, and that the defensive force was necessary to prevent the commission of the forcible felony.
 - C. The presumption set forth in subsection B of this section does not apply if:
 - 1. The person against whom the defensive force is used has the right to be in or is a lawful resident of the dwelling, occupied premises, residence, or vehicle, such as an owner, lessee, or titleholder, and there is not a protective order from domestic violence in effect or a written pretrial supervision order of no contact against that person;
 - 2. The person or persons sought to be removed are children or grandchildren, or are otherwise in the lawful custody or under the lawful guardianship of, the person against whom the defensive force is used; or
 - 3. The person who uses defensive force is engaged in an unlawful activity or is using the dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle, place of business or place of worship or occupied premises to further an unlawful activity.
 - D. A person who is not engaged in an unlawful activity and who is attacked in any other place where he or she has a right to be has no duty to retreat and has the right to stand his or her ground and meet force with force, including deadly force, if he or she reasonably believes it is necessary to do so to prevent death or

- great bodily harm to himself or herself or another or to prevent the commission of a forcible felony.
 - E. A person who unlawfully and by force enters or attempts to enter the dwelling, residence, occupied vehicle of another person, place of business, occupied premises or place of worship is presumed to be doing so with the intent to commit an unlawful act involving force or violence.
 - F. A person who uses defensive force, as permitted pursuant to the provisions of subsections A, B, D and E of this section, is justified in using such defensive force and is immune from shall not be subject to criminal prosecution and civil action for the use of such defensive force. As used in this subsection, the term "criminal prosecution" includes charging or prosecuting the defendant.
 - G. A law enforcement agency may use standard procedures for investigating the use of defensive force, but the law enforcement agency may not arrest the person for using defensive force unless it determines that there is probable cause that the defensive force that was used was unlawful.
 - H. The court shall award reasonable attorney fees, court costs, compensation for loss of income, and all expenses incurred by the defendant in defense of any civil action brought by a plaintiff if the court finds that the defendant is immune from not subject to
 prosecution as provided in subsection F of this section.

- I. The provisions of this section and the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall not be construed to require any person using a weapon pursuant to the provisions of this section to be licensed in any manner.
- J. A person pointing a weapon at a perpetrator in self-defense or in order to thwart, stop or deter a forcible felony or attempted forcible felony shall not be deemed guilty of committing a criminal act.
- K. 1. Defensive display of a firearm or other deadly weapon by a person is justified when and to the extent a reasonable person who believes that physical force is immediately necessary to protect himself, herself or another against the use or attempted use of unlawful physical or deadly force by a person, premises owner or controller in self-defense, or in defense of real or private property, located on any premises, owned, rented, leased or occupied by permission of the premise owner or controller, whether or not a person is in possession of a valid handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and shall not be deemed a criminal act.
 - 2. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to a person who:
 - <u>a.</u> <u>intentionally provokes another person to use or</u> attempt to use unlawful physical or deadly force, or

- b. uses a firearm during the commission of an unlawful act involving force or violence.
- 3. The provisions of this subsection do not require the defensive display of a firearm or any other deadly weapon before the use of defensive force or the threat of defensive force by a person who is justified in the use or threatened use of defensive force.
- 4. For purposes of this subsection, "defensive display of a firearm" includes, but is not limited to:
 - verbally informing another person that the person possesses or has available a firearm or any other deadly weapon,
 - b. exposing or displaying a firearm or any other deadly weapon in a manner that a reasonable person would understand was meant to protect the person against the use or attempted use by another of unlawful physical or deadly force, or
 - c. placing the hand of the person on a firearm or any other deadly weapon while the firearm is contained in a pocket, purse, holster, sling scabbard, case or other means of containment or transport.
 - L. As used in this section:
- 1. "Defensive force" includes, but shall not be limited to, pointing a weapon at a perpetrator in self-defense or in order to

- thwart, stop or deter a forcible felony or attempted forcible felony;
- 2. "Dwelling" means a building or conveyance of any kind, including any attached porch, whether the building or conveyance is temporary or permanent, mobile or immobile, which has a roof over it, including a tent, and is designed to be occupied by people;
 - 3. "Place of worship" means:

- a. any permanent building, structure, facility or office space owned, leased, rented or borrowed, on a full-time basis, when used for worship services, activities and business of the congregation, which may include, but not be limited to, churches, temples, synagogues and mosques, and
- b. any permanent building, structure, facility or office space owned, leased, rented or borrowed for use on a temporary basis, when used for worship services, activities and business of the congregation including, but not limited to, churches, temples, synagogues and mosques;
- 4. "Residence" or occupied premises means a dwelling or building in which a person resides is occupying either temporarily or permanently or is visiting as an invited guest; and
- 5. "Vehicle" means a conveyance of any kind, whether or not motorized, which is designed to transport people or property; and

| 1 | 6. "Occupied premises" means any premises occupied by an owner, |
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| 2 | tenant, lessee, business, place of worship, liquor store, guest or |
| 3 | by an authorized user of the premises including their agents. |
| 4 | SECTION 9. It being immediately necessary for the preservation |
| 5 | of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby |
| 6 | declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and |
| 7 | be in full force from and after its passage and approval. |
| 8 | Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2021. |
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