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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to discharging a firearm; amending s.
3 790.15, F.S.; prohibiting the recreational discharge
4 of a firearm in certain residential areas; providing
5 criminal penalties; providing exceptions; providing an
6 effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (4) is added to section 790.15,
11 Florida Statutes, to read:

12 790.15 Discharging firearm in public or on residential
13 property.—

14 (4) Any person who recreationally discharges a firearm
15 outdoors, including target shooting, in an area that the person
16 knows or reasonably should know is primarily residential in
17 nature and that has a residential density of one or more
18 dwelling units per acre, commits a misdemeanor of the first
19 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. This
20 subsection does not apply:

21 (a) To a person lawfully defending life or property or
22 performing official duties requiring the discharge of a firearm;

23 (b) If, under the circumstances, the discharge does not
24 pose a reasonably foreseeable risk to life, safety, or property;
25 or

26 (c) To a person who accidentally discharges a firearm.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.