

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senator Hooper

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to carrying of firearms by tactical
3 medical professionals; amending s. 790.25, F.S.;
4 exempting certain licensed medical professionals from
5 specified provisions concerning the carrying of
6 firearms; requiring certain policies and procedures
7 for law enforcement agencies; providing immunities and
8 privileges for such professionals; providing a
9 definition; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (q) is added to subsection (3) of
14 section 790.25, Florida Statutes, to read:

15 790.25 Lawful ownership, possession, and use of firearms
16 and other weapons.—

17 (3) LAWFUL USES.—The provisions of ss. 790.053 and 790.06
18 do not apply in the following instances, and, despite such
19 sections, it is lawful for the following persons to own,
20 possess, and lawfully use firearms and other weapons,
21 ammunition, and supplies for lawful purposes:

22 (q)1. A tactical medical professional who is actively
23 operating in direct support of a tactical operation by a law
24 enforcement agency provided that all of the following conditions
25 are met:

26 a. The tactical medical professional is lawfully able to
27 possess firearms and has an active concealed weapons permit
28 issued pursuant to s. 790.06.

29 b. The tactical medical professional is appointed to a law

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30 enforcement tactical team of a law enforcement agency by the
31 head of the law enforcement agency.

32 c. The law enforcement agency has an established policy
33 providing for the appointment, training, and deployment of the
34 tactical medical professional.

35 d. The tactical medical professional successfully completes
36 a firearms safety training and tactical training as established
37 or designated by the appointing law enforcement agency.

38 e. The law enforcement agency provides and the tactical
39 medical professional participates in annual firearm training and
40 tactical training.

41 2. Except as to the powers of arrest, a tactical medical
42 professional who meets all of the conditions in subparagraph 1.
43 has the same immunities and privileges as a law enforcement
44 officer, as defined in s. 943.10.

45 3. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "tactical
46 medical professional" means a paramedic, as defined in s.
47 401.23, a physician, as defined in s. 458.305, or an osteopathic
48 physician, as defined in s. 459.003, who is appointed to provide
49 direct support to a tactical law enforcement unit by providing
50 medical services at high-risk incidents, including, but not
51 limited to, hostages incidents, narcotics raids, hazardous
52 surveillance, sniper incidents, armed suicidal persons,
53 barricaded suspects, high risk felony warrant service, fugitives
54 refusing to surrender, and active shooter incidents.

55 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.