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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
9 construction; requiring the appointing law enforcement
10 agency to issue any firearm or ammunition to tactical
11 medical professionals; providing a definition;
12 providing an effective date.

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

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

18 790.25 Lawful ownership, possession, and use of firearms
19 and other weapons.—

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

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

29 a. The tactical medical professional is lawfully able to

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30 possess firearms and has an active concealed weapons license
31 issued pursuant to s. 790.06.

32 b. The tactical medical professional is appointed to a law
33 enforcement tactical team of a law enforcement agency by the
34 head of the law enforcement agency.

35 c. The law enforcement agency has an established policy
36 providing for the appointment, training, and deployment of the
37 tactical medical professional.

38 d. The tactical medical professional successfully completes
39 a firearms safety training and tactical training as established
40 or designated by the appointing law enforcement agency.

41 e. The law enforcement agency provides and the tactical
42 medical professional participates in annual firearm training and
43 tactical training.

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

48 3. This paragraph may not be construed to authorize a
49 tactical medical professional to carry, transport, or store any
50 firearm or ammunition on any fire apparatus or EMS vehicle.

51 4. The appointing law enforcement agency shall issue any
52 firearm or ammunition that the tactical medical professional
53 carries in accordance with this paragraph.

54 5. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "tactical
55 medical professional" means a paramedic, as defined in s.
56 401.23, a physician, as defined in s. 458.305, or an osteopathic
57 physician, as defined in s. 459.003, who is appointed to provide
58 direct support to a tactical law enforcement unit by providing

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59 medical services at high-risk incidents, including, but not
60 limited to, hostages incidents, narcotics raids, hazardous
61 surveillance, sniper incidents, armed suicidal persons,
62 barricaded suspects, high-risk felony warrant service, fugitives
63 refusing to surrender, and active shooter incidents.

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