1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to enhanced firearms training
3	facilities; creating s. 790.501, F.S.; providing
4	definitions; establishing procedures for licensure by
5	the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
6	authorizing a sheriff to provide supporting
7	documentation to an application for licensure;
8	specifying the duration of a license; specifying
9	conditions under which a license must be revoked;
10	authorizing a sheriff to enter into an agreement with
11	the owner of an enhanced firearms training facility to
12	conduct training for the school guardian program at
13	the facility; exempting an enhanced firearms training
14	facility from complying with specified local
15	government requirements in certain circumstances;
16	authorizing the department to adopt rules; providing
17	an effective date.
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21	Section 1. Section 790.501, Florida Statutes, is created
22	to read:
23	790.501 Enhanced firearms training facilities
24	(1) For purposes of this section, the term:
25	(a) "Department" means the Department of Agriculture and
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26	Consumer Services.
27	(b) "Enhanced firearms training facility" means a facility
28	located on land zoned for agricultural use or the equivalent
29	which is used to train people in the use of firearms and
30	personal safety.
31	(c) "Owner" means a person who:
32	1. Holds the legal title to the agricultural land and
33	facilities upon which the enhanced firearms training facility
34	will be licensed; or
35	2. Holds a percentage interest in the agricultural land
36	and facilities that is equal to or greater than the other
37	persons who also hold a legal interest, if the legal title is
38	held in the name of two or more people.
39	(2) The department is authorized to issue a license to
40	designate a facility as an enhanced firearms training facility.
41	To receive such a license, the owner must complete and submit an
42	application to the department and must:
43	(a) Successfully complete a Level 2 background screening
44	as provided in s. 435.04(2). The applicant must submit a full
45	set of fingerprints to the department or to a vendor, an entity,
46	or an agency authorized by s. 943.053(13). The department,
47	vendor, entity, or agency shall forward the fingerprints to the
48	Department of Law Enforcement for state processing and the
49	Department of Law Enforcement shall forward the fingerprints to
50	the Federal Bureau of Investigation for national processing.
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51 Fees for state and federal fingerprint processing and retention 52 shall be borne by the applicant. The state cost for fingerprint 53 processing shall be as provided in s. 943.053(3)(e). 54 (b) Not have been convicted of a felony. 55 Successfully complete the National Rifle Association (C) 56 Chief Range Safety Officer training program or an equivalent 57 program conducted by a nationally recognized organization that 58 provides similar firearms training. 59 (d) Hold a valid class "K" firearms instructor license 60 issued by the department. (3) In support of an owner's application submitted under 61 62 subsection (2), the owner may provide to the department a written attestation from the sheriff who has jurisdiction over 63 64 the property on which the enhanced firearms training facility is 65 or will be located, if the sheriff, at his or her sole 66 discretion, agrees to provide such attestation, confirming that 67 the sheriff or his or her designee has: 68 (a) Visited the property and facilities on which the 69 enhanced firearms training facility is or will be located. 70 (b) Determined that the property and facilities are large 71 enough and sufficient enough to be designated as an enhanced 72 firearms training facility. 73 (c) Determined that the property and facilities may 74 fulfill a public safety training need, including providing a 75 place for the sheriff or a law enforcement agency to provide

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firearms or other training to the public, including such
training as authorized under s. 37, chapter 2023-18, Laws of
Florida.
(4)(a) An enhanced firearms training facility license
issued by the department is valid for 12 months and must be
renewed annually by the owner to remain valid.
(b) The department must revoke the license of an enhanced
firearms training facility if the department determines that the
owner is no longer in compliance with the requirements listed in
paragraph (2)(b) or paragraph (2)(d).
(5) A sheriff, under an agreement with an enhanced
firearms training facility, may provide training for the school
guardian program under s. 30.15 at an enhanced firearms training
facility.
(6) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, an
enhanced firearms training facility licensed by the department
is not subject to local government planning and zoning or public
works restrictions if the facility is located in an
unincorporated area of a county.
(7) The department may adopt rules to implement this
section.
Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.
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