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Senator Simon moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Self Defense Act."

Section 2. Section 379.40411, Florida Statutes, is created  
to read:

379.40411 Taking of bears; use of lethal force in defense  
of person or certain property.—

(1) A person is not subject to any administrative, civil,  
or criminal penalty for taking a bear with lethal force if:



12           (a) The person reasonably believed that his or her action  
13 was necessary to avoid an imminent threat of death or serious  
14 bodily injury to himself or herself or to another, an imminent  
15 threat of death or serious bodily injury to a pet, or  
16 substantial damage to a dwelling as defined in s. 776.013(5);

17           (b) The person did not lure the bear with food or  
18 attractants for an illegal purpose, including, but not limited  
19 to, training dogs to hunt bears;

20           (c) The person did not intentionally or recklessly place  
21 himself or herself or a pet in a situation in which he or she  
22 would be likely to need to use lethal force as described in  
23 paragraph (a); and

24           (d) The person notified the commission within 24 hours  
25 after he or she used lethal force to take the bear.

26           (2) A bear taken under this section must be disposed of by  
27 the commission. A person who takes a bear under this section may  
28 not possess, sell, or dispose of the bear or its parts.

29           (3) The commission shall adopt rules to implement this  
30 section.

31           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

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34 And the title is amended as follows:

35           Delete everything before the enacting clause  
36 and insert:

37                           A bill to be entitled  
38           An act relating to taking of bears; providing a short  
39           title; creating s. 379.40411, F.S.; providing for the  
40           taking of bears without certain penalties under



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41 specified conditions; requiring the disposal of such  
42 bears by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation  
43 Commission; prohibiting certain possession, sale, and  
44 disposal of such bears or their parts; requiring the  
45 commission to adopt rules; providing an effective  
46 date.