

1-1 By: Flores S.B. No. 2570  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2025; April 3, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Criminal Justice;  
1-4 April 16, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 1, one present not  
1-6 voting; April 16, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Flores	X		
1-10	Parker	X		
1-11	Hagenbuch	X		
1-12	Hinojosa of Hidalgo			X
1-13	Huffman	X		
1-14	King	X		
1-15	Miles		X	

1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2570 By: Parker

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to a legal justification for the use of force with a  
1-20 less-lethal force weapon by a correctional facility guard or a  
1-21 peace officer.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 9, Penal Code, is amended  
1-24 by adding Section 9.55 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 9.55. USE OF LESS-LETHAL FORCE WEAPON. (a) In this  
1-26 section, "less-lethal force weapon" means:

1-27 (1) any weapon, device, or munition that is designed,  
1-28 made, or adapted to expel a projectile or multiple projectiles  
1-29 against a target to temporarily incapacitate the target while  
1-30 minimizing the risk of serious bodily injury or death;

1-31 (2) a chemical dispensing device;

1-32 (3) a device used to strike a person; or

1-33 (4) a stun gun, as defined by Section 38.14.

1-34 (b) This section applies only to a guard employed by a  
1-35 correctional facility or a peace officer.

1-36 (c) A person to whom this section applies is justified in  
1-37 using force with a less-lethal force weapon against another to the  
1-38 degree reasonably necessary to accomplish the person's official  
1-39 duties as a guard or officer if the person's use of the weapon was in  
1-40 substantial compliance with the person's training.

1-41 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-42 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
1-43 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
1-44 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
1-45 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
1-46 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
1-47 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
1-48 before that date.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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