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## ***Representative Mark Neuman***

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Dear Alaskan,

I hope I can shed some light on the history of “Stand Your Ground” legislation in Alaska; in which I have played a leading role in getting passed thru the Alaska’s legislature.

The first attempt was HB 381, which I filed as the original sponsor in the 26<sup>th</sup> legislature. The bill attempted to clarify the use of deadly force in protecting a person, family member, or property.

Once a bill is introduced, it is assigned to a series of committees. The work then begins to iron out any concerns that members or departments have over the legislation. In this particular case, Attorney General Sullivan’s staff expressed concerns regarding the complexity of the language used in a letter to the legislature. The bill was complex and we agreed to find a much simpler way to convey the rights of an individual in this matter.

During a hearing in the house Judiciary Committee a friendly amendment was adopted and the bill was greatly simplified. The legislation moved forward from that point with the support of the Administration and the Attorney General’s Office.

The same legislation was filed in 27<sup>th</sup> Legislature (HB 80) and again in the 28<sup>th</sup> Legislature (HB 24). HB 24 final passed and was signed into law in 2013. So as you can see it was a lengthy and deliberative process but Alaska finally has “Stand Your Ground” legislation.

I hope this provides you some insight and want to thank you for your interest.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Neuman".

Representative Mark Neuman