***Stand your ground :***

***Arizona is one of 30 states with some form of a “stand your ground” self-defense law.***

***Ordinarily, a person making a claim of self-defense has to demonstrate that he couldn’t retreat from a potentially life-threatening confrontation before resorting to deadly force.***

***The stand your ground laws don’t require someone to try to retreat from a confrontation, but the person who resorts to deadly force must still have a “reasonable” belief that he is in danger.***

***The Legislature has amended the law to expand it so that people don’t have to retreat when threatened if they’re in any place they have a legal right to be.***

***The Arizona law also puts the burden of proof on the prosecution rather than the defense in proving whether the person’s belief he was threatened was “reasonable” before resorting to deadly force.***