

Stand Your Ground Bill Postponed

A hearing over a “stand your ground” law was postponed Tuesday, after the sponsor said he needed more time to amend the bill to address concerns raised by sheriffs.

The Arkansas Democrat Gazette reports the bill proposed removing language from the state’s code books that prohibits people from using deadly force in situations where they could have otherwise retreated.

At least 25 states have passed similar legislation for the use of deadly force, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

However, gun control advocates oppose such laws and one group, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America was prepared to speak against the bill in committee.

Scott Bradley, the executive director of the Arkansas Sheriff’s Association, said the group opposed HB1059 and would likely continue to oppose it, even after the bill is amended. The bill is currently on the “deferred” list in the House Judiciary Committee.