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Bill Analysis

SB 451 specifies that provisions relating to pointing a firearm at another person shall not apply to persons acting in self-defense or to home or business owners in defense of their private property whether or not they possess a valid handgun license. Defensive displays, as outlined in the measure, shall be authorized if a person reasonably believes that physical force is immediately necessary to protect himself, herself or another against the use or attempted use of unlawful physical or deadly force. Additionally, the measure provides greater discretion in sentencing persons convicted of violating this provision and removes the requirement to revoke the violator's handgun license.

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