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Bill Analysis

SB 853 specifies that a person acting in self-defense or defending his or property shall not be convicted for the act of pointing a firearm at another person. Defensive displays are authorized when a reasonable person would believe that physical force is immediately necessary to protect him or herself or another person. Defensive displays shall not apply to any person who deliberately provokes another person to use or attempt to use unlawful physical or deadly force or uses a firearm during the commission of another crime. The measure removes the mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 3 months for any person convicted of such a crime and subjects such persons to possibly receiving both the fine and the term of imprisonment.

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