# Murder, Attempted Murder, Self Defence and Trespass Act 2024

### A BILL

To formally define Self Defence and make Murder, Attempted Murder and Trespassing illegal in Vindex Nation.

Be it enacted by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Vindex Nation in Congress assembled,

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the MAMSDATA 2024.

### SEC. 2. **DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this Act, the term—

- "Self defence" and "SD" shall be defined as the use of force upon or toward another person that is immediately necessary for the purpose of protecting oneself against the use of unlawful force by such other person on the present occasion.
- "Murder" shall be defined as the illegal killing of another person.
- "Attempted murder" shall be defined as the attempt to kill another person illegally.
- "Private property" shall be defined as an in-game 'area shop' (AS) region owned by someone not on behalf of the government.
- "Trespassing" shall be defined as entering or surreptitiously remaining in any building or occupied structure while not licensed or privileged to do so.
- "Law Enforcement Officer" shall be defined as any government employee who the ability to send a criminal to jail, such as a member of the Vindex Police Department.

### SEC. 3. MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER.

- (1) Upon the passage of this act, other than the exemptions stated in this Act and other Acts of Congress, the killing of another person shall be considered murder and an imprisonable offence.
- (2) Upon the passage of this act, other than the exemptions stated in this Act and other Acts of Congress, the attempted killing of another person shall be considered attempted murder and an imprisonable offence.

### SEC. 4. MURDER AND ATTEMPTED MURDER EXEMPTIONS.

- (1) The killing or attempted killing of another person shall not be considered illegal if done by a Law Enforcement Officer performing their legal duties.
- (2) The killing or attempted killing of another person shall not be considered illegal if done by Department of Defence personnel while performing their legal duties.

(3) The killing or attempted killing of another person shall not be considered illegal if done in SD as defined in Section 5 of this Act.

### SEC. 5. SELF DEFENCE CLARIFICATION.

- (1) SD may not include lethal, or attempted lethal, force unless the victim was about to die, receive serious bodily injury, or be kidnapped, had they not used deadly force.
  - (a) It would not be legal if the victim used lethal, or attempted lethal, force on the assailant if the assailant no longer posed a life-threatening danger to the victim.
    - (i) For example, the victim may not kill, or attempt to kill, the assailant if the assailant is clearly fleeing the scene and no longer posing a threat. In such a scenario, the victim would be committing murder or attempted murder if they went on to kill or attempt to kill the assailant in retaliation.
- (2) If a person is interacting with, being, or about to be arrested or detained by a Law Enforcement Officer, they may not use SD on said officer or a person lawfully assisting the officer.
- (3) During times of martial law, if a person is interacting with, being, or about to be detained by Department of Defence personnel, they may not use SD on said person or a person lawfully assisting the detainer.
- (4) A person may not use SD against an owner of a private property, a person added to said private property, or a person given explicit permission by the property owner to protect said property, if that person is trespassing on said private property.

## SEC. 6. CRIMINAL TRESPASSING CLARIFICATION.

- (1) Upon the passage of this act it shall be an imprisonable offence to trespass.
- (2) A person commits an imprisonable offence if not licensed or privileged to do so, they enter or remain in any place as to which notice against trespass is given by:
  - (a) Actual communication to the person; or
  - (b) Posting and signage in a manner prescribed by law or reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders; or
  - (c) Fencing or other enclosure manifestly designed to exclude intruders.
- (3) It shall not be considered murder or attempted murder if the owner of a private property, a person added to said private property, or a person given explicit permission by the property owner to protect said property, kills a trespasser after:
  - (a) Issuing an additional verbal warning to the trespasser to leave the premises.
  - (b) Allowing the trespasser reasonable time to process the warning and safely exit.
  - (c) The trespasser clearly ignores the warning.

(4) If the trespasser shows willingness to cooperate, the person protecting the property must also make a reasonable effort to guide the trespasser off the premises.

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