

Statement from AG Jennings on House passage of Senate Bill 147

Today Delaware is ready to fix one of America's weakest use-of-force laws, period. This issue has come up again and again throughout our state's debate on police reform. The need for reform is overwhelming: not only the Department of Justice, but police reform advocates and the police themselves all recognize the need to better align our law with the rest of the country. And now a bipartisan fix is headed to the Governor's desk.

If anything should be objective and reasonable, it should be the line that allows one person to take another's life. The words "I thought" should not be an automatic get-out-of-jail-free card for any defendant. Thanks to hard work by our partners in the legislature, and the voices of countless Delawareans, it won't be anymore.