

HOUSE BILL No. 2584

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the regulation of knives; relating to certain criminal
2 statutes; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-6301 and 21-6302 and
3 repealing the existing sections.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 New Sec. 1. (a) A municipality shall not enact any ordinance,
7 resolution, rule or tax relating to the transportation, possession, carrying,
8 sale, transfer, purchase, gift, devise, licensing, registration or use of a knife
9 or knife making components.

10 (b) A municipality shall not enact any ordinance, resolution or rule
11 relating to the manufacture of a knife that is more restrictive than any such
12 ordinance, resolution or rule relating to the manufacture of any other
13 commercial goods.

14 (c) As used in this section:

15 (1) "Knife" means a cutting instrument and includes a sharpened or
16 pointed blade.

17 (2) "Municipality" has the same meaning as defined in K.S.A. 75-
18 6102, and amendments thereto.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 21-6301 is hereby amended to read as
20 follows: 21-6301. (a) Criminal use of weapons is knowingly:

21 (1) Selling, manufacturing, purchasing or possessing any bludgeon,
22 sand club, metal knuckles or throwing star, ~~or any knife, commonly~~
23 ~~referred to as a switch blade, which has a blade that opens automatically~~
24 ~~by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle~~
25 ~~of the knife, or any knife having a blade that opens or falls or is ejected~~
26 ~~into position by the force of gravity or by an outward, downward or~~
27 ~~centrifugal thrust or movement;~~

28 (2) possessing with intent to use the same unlawfully against another,
29 ~~a dagger, dirk, billy, blackjack, slungshot, dangerous knife, straight-edged~~
30 ~~razor, stiletto or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument of~~
31 ~~like character, except that an ordinary pocket knife with no blade more~~
32 ~~than four inches in length shall not be construed to be a dangerous knife,~~
33 ~~or a dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument;~~

34 (3) setting a spring gun;

35 (4) possessing any device or attachment of any kind designed, used or
36 intended for use in suppressing the report of any firearm;