

CORRECTED
SESSION OF 2013

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2033

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2033, as amended, would prohibit municipalities from regulating the transportation, possession, carrying, sales, transfers, purchases, gifting, licensing, registration, or uses of a knife or knife-making components. In addition, the bill would prohibit a municipality from passing any ordinance, resolution, or rule that would be more restrictive regarding knife manufacturing than the manufacture of any other commercial product.

The bill would amend provisions related to the criminal use of weapons and criminal carrying of a weapon by removing certain types of knives, as well as by eliminating certain exceptions for carrying specific types of pocket knives and switchblade knives.

The bill would eliminate “throwing stars” from current law defining the criminal use of weapons and the criminal carrying of a weapon.

The bill also would exclude from the definition of municipality the following entities: school districts, jails, and juvenile correctional facilities.

Background

Representatives Carlson and Howell appeared as proponents of the bill. In addition, a representative of Knife Rights, Inc. also supported the bill.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

A representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police testified against the bill at the House Committee hearing.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to remove “throwing stars” from the statutes concerning criminal use and carrying of a weapon and to change the definition of “municipality” to exclude school districts, jails, and juvenile correctional facilities.

Municipality is defined in KSA 75-3102 as any county, township, city, school district, or other political or taxing subdivision of the state, or any agency, authority, institution, or other instrumentality thereof. That statute is referenced in the bill for defining municipality.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicated the League of Kansas Municipalities reported the enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on cities.