

SENATE BILL NO. 78

BY SENATOR MORRISH

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AN ACT

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To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(A)(4), relative to the illegal carrying and discharge of weapons; to exclude certain knives from the prohibition of certain weapons; and to provide for related matters.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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Section 1. R.S. 14:95(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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§95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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A. Illegal carrying of weapons is:

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(4) **(a)** The manufacture, ownership, possession, custody or use of any switchblade knife, spring knife or other knife or similar instrument having a blade which may be automatically unfolded or extended from a handle by the manipulation of a button, switch, latch or similar contrivance **located on the handle.**

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**(b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to the following:**

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**(i) Any knife that may be opened with one hand by manual pressure applied to the blade or any projection of the blade.**

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**(ii) Any knife that may be opened by means of inertia produced by the hand, wrist, or other movement, provided the knife has either a detent or other structure that provides resistance that shall be overcome in opening or initiating the opening movement of the blade or a bias or spring load toward the closed position.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_