

1 H.254

2 Introduced by Representative Brennan of Colchester

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Municipal government; enumerated powers; knives

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to prohibit  
7 municipalities from adopting any ordinance, resolution, or other enactment  
8 relating to the possession, ownership, transportation, transfer, sale, purchase,  
9 carrying, licensing, or registration of a knife or knife-making components.

10 An act relating to municipal authority to regulate the possession, use, and  
11 manufacture of knives

12 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

13 Sec. 1. 24 V.S.A. § 2295 is amended to read:

14 § 2295. AUTHORITY OF MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS  
15 TO REGULATE FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, HUNTING,  
16 FISHING, AND TRAPPING

17 Except as otherwise provided by law, no town, city, or incorporated village,  
18 by ordinance, resolution, or other enactment, shall directly regulate hunting,  
19 fishing, and trapping or the possession, ownership, transportation, transfer,  
20 sale, purchase, carrying, licensing, or registration of traps, firearms, knives,

1       ammunition, or the components of firearms, knives, or ammunition. This  
2       section shall not limit the powers conferred upon a town, city, or incorporated  
3       village under subdivision 2291(8) of this title. The provisions of this section  
4       shall supersede any inconsistent provisions of a municipal charter.

5       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2021.