

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 18-0204  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton, President Young, Councilmembers Bullock, Pinkett,  
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Introduced and read first time: March 12, 2018

Assigned to: Public Safety Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Police Department

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Dangerous Knives – Commercial Display to Minors**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the commercial display of certain dangerous knives to minors;  
4 conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the commercial display of dangerous  
5 knives.

6 BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

7 Article 19 - Police Ordinances

8 Section(s) 59-23

9 Baltimore City Code

10 (Edition 2000)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the  
12 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 19. Police Ordinances**

15 **Subtitle 59. Weapons**

16 **Part 3. Other Weapons**

17 **§ 59-23. Dangerous knives – Transfer, etc.; COMMERCIAL DISPLAY** [, to individuals under  
18 **21**].

19 (a) *Definitions.*

20 (1) *In general.*

21 In this section, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1 (2) *Dangerous knife.*

2 “Dangerous knife” means any:

3 (i) Bowie knife;

4 (ii) dirk knife;

5 (iii) gravity knife;

6 (iv) shooting knife, as described in State Criminal Law Article § 4-105;

7 (v) star knife, as defined in State Criminal Law Article § 4-101;

8 (vi) straight razor;

9 (vii) switchblade knife, as described in § 59-22 of this subtitle or in State Criminal  
10 Law Article § 4-105; or

11 (viii) any knife with a blade that is longer than 3 inches.

12 (3) *Person.*

13 “Person ” means any individual, partnership, firm, association, corporation, limited  
14 liability company, or other entity of any kind.

15 (b) *Prohibited transfer, etc., to individuals under 21.*

16 No person may sell, give, or otherwise transfer a dangerous knife to, or permit the use or  
17 possession of a dangerous knife by, any individual that the person knows or has  
18 reasonable cause to believe is under the age of 21.

19 (C) *PROHIBITED COMMERCIAL DISPLAY TO MINORS.*

20 (1) *PLACEMENT IN WINDOWS PROHIBITED.*

21 NO PERSON MAY PLACE A DANGEROUS KNIFE IN A WINDOW OF A COMMERCIAL  
22 ESTABLISHMENT.

23 (2) *REQUIRED PLACEMENT IN ESTABLISHMENTS OPEN TO MINORS.*

24 IN ANY COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT OPEN TO MINORS, A DANGEROUS KNIFE  
25 AVAILABLE FOR SALE MUST BE PLACED BEHIND A SALES COUNTER AND BE  
26 INACCESSIBLE TO MINORS.

27 (D) [(c)] *Penalties.*

28 Any person who violates any provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on  
29 conviction, is subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for not more  
30 than 12 months or to both fine and imprisonment for each offense.

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1       **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance  
2 are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior  
3 Ordinance.

4       **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
5 after the date it is enacted.