



**Council Bill 15-0582**

**§ 59-22. [Switch-blade] SWITCHBLADE knives – POSSESSION OR SALE, ETC.**

(A) *“PERSON” DEFINED.*

IN THIS SECTION, “PERSON” MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER ENTITY OF ANY KIND.

(B) [(a) *Possession or sale, etc., prohibited.*] *PROHIBITED POSSESSION OR SALE, ETC.*

[It shall be unlawful for any] NO person [to] MAY sell, carry, or possess any knife with an automatic spring or other device for opening [and/or] OR closing the blade, commonly known as a [switch-blade] SWITCHBLADE knife.

(C) [(b)] *Penalties.*

Any person [violating the provisions] WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION of this section IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, [shall, upon] ON conviction [thereof], [be fined] is subject to a fine of not more than [\$500] \$1,000 or [be imprisoned] TO IMPRISONMENT for not more than [1 year,] 12 MONTHS or TO both FINE AND IMPRISONMENT FOR EACH OFFENSE[, in the discretion of the court].

**§ 59-23. DANGEROUS KNIVES – TRANSFER TO, ETC., INDIVIDUALS UNDER 21.**

(A) *DEFINITIONS.*

(1) *IN GENERAL.*

IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) *DANGEROUS KNIFE.*

“DANGEROUS KNIFE” MEANS ANY:

(I) BOWIE KNIFE;

(II) DIRK KNIFE;

(III) GRAVITY KNIFE;

(IV) SHOOTING KNIFE, AS DESCRIBED IN STATE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE § 4-105;

(V) STAR KNIFE, AS DEFINED IN STATE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE § 4-101;

(VI) STRAIGHT RAZOR;

(VII) SWITCHBLADE KNIFE, AS DESCRIBED IN § 59-22 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR IN STATE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE § 4-105; OR

(VIII) ANY KNIFE WITH A BLADE THAT IS LONGER THAN 3 INCHES.

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1 (3) *PERSON.*

2 "PERSON" MEANS ANY INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION,  
3 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, OR OTHER ENTITY OF ANY KIND.

4 (B) *PROHIBITED TRANSFER TO, ETC., INDIVIDUALS UNDER 21.*

5 NO PERSON MAY SELL, GIVE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER A DANGEROUS KNIFE TO, OR  
6 PERMIT THE USE OR POSSESSION OF A DANGEROUS KNIFE BY, ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT THE  
7 PERSON KNOWS OR HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE IS UNDER THE AGE OF 21.

8 (C) *PENALTIES.*

9 ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A  
10 MISDEMEANOR AND, ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000  
11 OR TO IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN 12 MONTHS OR TO BOTH FINE AND  
12 IMPRISONMENT FOR EACH OFFENSE.

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

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

Certified as duly passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Chief Clerk

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

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Mayor, Baltimore City