



Legislation Text

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Introductory*

**City of Baltimore
Council Bill**

Introduced by: Councilmember Middleton

A Bill Entitled

An Ordinance concerning

Dangerous Knives - Commercial Display to Minors

For the purpose of prohibiting the commercial display of certain dangerous knives to minors; conforming related provisions; and generally relating to the commercial display of dangerous knives.

By repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 19 - Police Ordinances
Section(s) 59-23
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, That the Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

Baltimore City Code

Article 19. Police Ordinances

Subtitle 59. Weapons

Part 3. Other Weapons

§ 59-23. Dangerous knives - Transfer, etc.; commercial display [, to 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.

(3) *Person.*

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

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

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

(c) *Prohibited commercial display to minors.*

(1) *Placement in windows prohibited.*

No person may place a dangerous knife in a window of a commercial establishment.

(2) *Required placement in establishments open to minors.*

In any commercial establishment open to minors, a dangerous knife available for sale must be placed behind a sales counter and be inaccessible to minors.

(d) [(c)] *Penalties.*

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

Section 2. And be it further ordained, That the catchlines contained in this Ordinance are not law and may not be considered to have been enacted as a part of this or any prior Ordinance.

Section 3. And be it further ordained, That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30th day after the date it is enacted.