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Legislation Text

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

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INTRODUCTORY*

CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL

Introduced by: Councilmember Spector

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Dangerous Knives - Transfer, etc., to or Permitting Possession, etc., by Individual Under 21
FOR the purpose of prohibiting the sale, giving away, or other transfer of certain knives to individuals under the age of 21; prohibiting a person from permitting the use or possession of these dangerous knives by individuals under the age of 21; defining certain terms; imposing certain penalties; and conforming language and penalties in related provisions dealing with switchblade knives.

BY repealing and reordaining, with amendments

Article 19 - Police Ordinances
Section 59-22
Baltimore City Code
(Edition 2000)

BY adding

Article 19 - Police Ordinances
Section 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

◆ 59-22. [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.

(3) PERSON.

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

(B) PROHIBITED TRANSFER TO, ETC., 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) 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.

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