



# City of Baltimore

City Council  
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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 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 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.