

SENATE BILL NO. 78

BY SENATOR MORRISH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(A)(4), relative to the illegal carrying and discharge of
3 weapons; to exclude certain knives from the prohibition of certain weapons; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:95(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §95. Illegal carrying of weapons

8 A. Illegal carrying of weapons is:

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10 (4) (a) The manufacture, ownership, possession, custody or use of any
11 switchblade knife, spring knife or other knife or similar instrument having a blade
12 which may be automatically unfolded or extended from a handle by the manipulation
13 of a button, switch, latch or similar contrivance **located on the handle.**

14 **(b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to the following:**

15 **(i) Any knife that may be opened with one hand by manual pressure**
16 **applied to the blade or any projection of the blade.**

17 **(ii) Any knife that may be opened by means of inertia produced by the**
18 **hand, wrist, or other movement, provided the knife has either a detent or other**
19 **structure that provides resistance that shall be overcome in opening or initiating**
20 **the opening movement of the blade or a bias or spring load toward the closed**
21 **position.**

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____