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SENATE BILL 17-008

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING LEGALIZING CERTAIN KNIVES.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

The bill legalizes the possession of a gravity knife or switchblade knife by removing such knives from the definition of "illegal weapon".

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-101, **amend**

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 (1) introductory portion; and **repeal** (1)(e) and (1)(j) as follows:

2 **18-12-101. Definitions - peace officer affirmative defense.**

3 (1) As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 12, unless the context otherwise
4 requires:

5 (e) ~~"Gravity knife" means any knife that has a blade released from
6 the handle or sheath thereof by the force of gravity or the application of
7 centrifugal force.~~

8 (j) ~~"Switchblade knife" means any knife, the blade of which opens
9 automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring, or other device
10 in its handle.~~

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-102, **amend**
12 (2) as follows:

13 **18-12-102. Possessing a dangerous or illegal weapon -**
14 **affirmative defense.** (2) As used in this section, the term "illegal
15 weapon" means a blackjack, gas gun, OR metallic knuckles. ~~gravity knife,~~
16 ~~or switchblade knife.~~

17 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
18 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
19 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
20 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
21 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
22 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
23 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
24 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
25 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
26 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.