

HOUSE BILL NO. 155

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING LOCAL RESTRICTIONS REGARDING KNIVES; ~~AND~~  
PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION; REPEALING SECTION 45-8-331, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE  
EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Local governments -- limitation on enactments. ~~Local (1)~~ EXCEPT AS  
PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), LOCAL governments may not enact or enforce an ordinance, rule, or regulation that  
restricts or prohibits the ownership, use, possession, or sale of any type of knife that is not specifically prohibited  
by state law.

(2) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY TO A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE, RULE, OR REGULATION  
PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF A KNIFE ON PROPERTY OR IN A BUILDING OWNED, LEASED, OR POSSESSED BY THE LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT ENTITY.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Repealer. The following section of the Montana Code Annotated is  
repealed:

45-8-331. Switchblade knives.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an  
integral part of Title 45, chapter 8, part 3, and the provisions of Title 45, chapter 8, part 3, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. [THIS ACT] IS EFFECTIVE ON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

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