



AN ACT PROHIBITING LOCAL RESTRICTIONS REGARDING KNIVES; 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:

Section 1. Local governments -- limitation on enactments. (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.

Section 2. Repealer. The following section of the Montana Code Annotated is repealed:
45-8-331. Switchblade knives.

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].

Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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I hereby certify that the within bill,
HB 0155, originated in the House.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

Chief Clerk of the House

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

HOUSE BILL NO. 155

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