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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to self-propelled knives; amending s.
3 790.225, F.S.; clarifying the definition of self-propelled
4 knife, the unlawful manufacture, display, sale, ownership,
5 possession, or use of which is prohibited; providing
6 nonapplicability; providing a penalty; providing an
7 effective date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Section 790.225, Florida Statutes, is amended
12 to read:

13 790.225 Ballistic self-propelled knives; unlawful to
14 manufacture, sell, or possess; forfeiture; penalty.--

15 (1) It is unlawful for any person to manufacture, display,
16 sell, own, possess, or use a ballistic self-propelled knife
17 which is a device that propels a knifelike blade as a projectile
18 and which physically separates the blade from the device by
19 means of a coil spring, elastic material, or compressed gas. A
20 ballistic self-propelled knife is declared to be a dangerous or
21 deadly weapon and a contraband item. It shall be subject to
22 seizure and shall be disposed of as provided in s. 790.08(1) and
23 (6).

24 (2) This section shall not apply to:

25 (a) Any device from which a knifelike blade opens, where
26 such blade remains physically integrated with the device when
27 open.

28 (b) Any device which propels an arrow, a bolt, or a dart
29 by means of any common bow, compound bow, crossbow, or
30 underwater spear gun.



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31 (3) Any person violating the provisions of subsection (1)
32 is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as
33 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.