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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to self-propelled knives;
amending s. 790.225, F.S.; clarifying the
definition of self-propelled knife, the
unlawful manufacture, display, sale, ownership,
possession, or use of which is prohibited;
providing nonapplicability; providing a
penalty; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

(2) This section shall not apply to:

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

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

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

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

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