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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.



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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.