

CHAPTER 74

CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE

SENATE BILL 17-008

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AN ACT

CONCERNING LEGALIZING CERTAIN KNIVES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-101, **amend** (1) introductory portion; and **repeal** (1)(e) and (1)(j) as follows:

18-12-101. Definitions - peace officer affirmative defense. (1) As used in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 12, unless the context otherwise requires:

(e) ~~"Gravity knife" means any knife that has a blade released from the handle or sheath thereof by the force of gravity or the application of centrifugal force.~~

(j) ~~"Switchblade knife" means any knife, the blade of which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring, or other device in its handle.~~

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-102, **amend** (2) as follows:

18-12-102. Possessing a dangerous or illegal weapon - affirmative defense. (2) As used in this section, the term "illegal weapon" means a blackjack, gas gun, OR metallic knuckles. ~~gravity knife, or switchblade knife.~~

SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of

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this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

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