

HB 1833 -- Knives and Unlawful Use of a Weapon

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This bill allows a switchblade knife to be regulated in the same manner as other knives by removing it from the list of weapons that are unlawful for a person to knowingly possess, manufacture, transport, repair, or sell.

The definition of "knife," as used in Chapter 571, RSMo, regarding weapons offenses, is revised to remove a bladed hand instrument that is readily capable of inflicting serious physical injury or death by cutting or stabbing a person and to include a switchblade. Currently, it does not include any ordinary pocketknife with no blade more than four inches in length. The bill specifies that it does not include any ordinary pocketknife or hunting knife whether fixed blade or folding in nature.