

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 463

BY REPRESENTATIVE SEABAUGH

WEAPONS: Provides relative to the illegal carrying of weapons

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(A)(4) and to repeal R.S. 14:95(A)(5), relative to the illegal
3 carrying of weapons; to provide for the removal of knives as illegally carried
4 weapons; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:95(A)(4) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §95. Illegal carrying of weapons

8 A. Illegal carrying of weapons is any of the following:

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10 ~~(4)(a) The intentional concealment on one's person of any switchblade knife,~~
11 ~~spring knife, or other knife or similar instrument having a blade which may be~~
12 ~~automatically unfolded or extended from a handle by the manipulation of a button,~~
13 ~~switch, latch, or similar contrivance located on the handle.~~

14 (b) ~~The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to the following:~~

15 ~~(i) Any knife that may be opened with one hand by manual pressure applied~~
16 ~~to the blade or any projection of the blade.~~

17 ~~(ii) Any knife that may be opened by means of inertia produced by the hand,~~
18 ~~wrist, or other movement, provided the knife has either a detent or other structure~~
19 ~~that provides resistance that shall be overcome in opening or initiating the opening~~
20 ~~movement of the blade or a bias or spring load toward the closed position.~~

