
HOUSE BILL 2600

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By Representatives Irwin, Appleton, Taylor, Young, Volz, Peterson, Hayes, and Shea

1 AN ACT Relating to the concealed carry of certain fixed blade
2 knives; amending RCW 9.41.250; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.41.250 and 2012 c 179 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1) Every person who:

7 (a) Manufactures, sells, or disposes of or possesses any
8 instrument or weapon of the kind usually known as slung shot, sand
9 club, or metal knuckles, or spring blade knife;

10 (b) Furtively carries with intent to conceal any dagger, dirk,
11 pistol, or other dangerous weapon, except as provided in subsection
12 (2) of this section; or

13 (c) Uses any contrivance or device for suppressing the noise of
14 any firearm unless the suppressor is legally registered and possessed
15 in accordance with federal law,
16 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable under chapter 9A.20 RCW.

17 (2) It is not a violation of this section for a person to carry
18 concealed on his or her person a fixed blade knife having a blade of
19 six inches or less in length.

20 (3) "Spring blade knife" means any knife, including a prototype,
21 model, or other sample, with a blade that is automatically released

1 by a spring mechanism or other mechanical device, or any knife having
2 a blade which opens, or falls, or is ejected into position by the
3 force of gravity, or by an outward, downward, or centrifugal thrust
4 or movement. A knife that contains a spring, detent, or other
5 mechanism designed to create a bias toward closure of the blade and
6 that requires physical exertion applied to the blade by hand, wrist,
7 or arm to overcome the bias toward closure to assist in opening the
8 knife is not a spring blade knife.

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