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SENATE BILL NO. 78

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CRIME/PUNISHMENT. Amends the definition of illegal carrying of weapons to exclude certain knives. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(A)(4), relative to the illegal carrying and discharge of
3 weapons; to exclude certain knives from the prohibition of certain weapons; and to
4 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:

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10 (4) (a) The manufacture, ownership, possession, custody or use of any
11 switchblade knife, spring knife or other knife or similar instrument having a blade
12 which may be automatically unfolded or extended from a handle by the manipulation
13 of a button, 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**
16 **applied to the blade or any projection of the blade.**

17 **(ii) Any knife that may be opened by means of inertia produced by the**

