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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. QUART, COLTON, GOTTFRIED, O'DONNELL, MILLER -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. COOK -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to the definitions of a switchblade knife and a gravity knife

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 4 and 5 of section 265.00 of the penal law are  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. "Switchblade knife" means any knife which has a blade which opens  
4 automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other  
5 device in the handle of the knife. "SWITCHBLADE KNIFE" DOES NOT INCLUDE  
6 A KNIFE THAT HAS A SPRING, DETENT, OR OTHER MECHANISM DESIGNED TO CREATE  
7 A BIAS TOWARD CLOSURE AND THAT REQUIRES EXERTION APPLIED TO THE BLADE BY  
8 HAND, WRIST, OR ARM TO OVERCOME THE BIAS TOWARD CLOSURE AND OPEN THE  
9 KNIFE.

10 5. "Gravity knife" means any knife which has a blade which is released  
11 from the handle or sheath thereof by the force of gravity or the appli-  
12 cation of centrifugal force which, when released, is locked in place by  
13 means of a button, spring, lever or other device. "GRAVITY KNIFE" DOES  
14 NOT INCLUDE A KNIFE THAT HAS A SPRING, DETENT, OR OTHER MECHANISM,  
15 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RESISTANCE TO OPENING DESIGNED TO CREATE A  
16 BIAS TOWARD CLOSURE AND THAT REQUIRES EXERTION APPLIED TO THE BLADE BY  
17 HAND, WRIST, OR ARM TO OVERCOME THE BIAS TOWARD CLOSURE AND OPEN THE  
18 KNIFE.

19 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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