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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

IN ASSEMBLY -- Introduced by M. of A. QUART -- read once and referred to the Committee on Codes

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 DESIGNED TO CREATE A BIAS TOWARD CLOSURE AND THAT REQUIRES EXERTION
16 APPLIED TO THE BLADE BY HAND, WRIST, OR ARM TO OVERCOME THE BIAS TOWARD
17 CLOSURE AND OPEN THE KNIFE.
- 18 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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