

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2019-2020 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

February 6, 2019

Introduced by Sen. SAVINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed 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 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 § 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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