

SENATE BILL No. 254

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating
2 to criminal use of weapons; exempting certain suppressors; amending
3 K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6301 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6301 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 21-6301. (a) Criminal use of weapons is knowingly:

8 (1) Selling, manufacturing, purchasing or possessing any bludgeon,
9 sand club, metal knuckles or throwing star;

10 (2) possessing with intent to use the same unlawfully against another,
11 a dagger, dirk, billy, blackjack, slungshot, dangerous knife, straight-edged
12 razor, stiletto or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument of
13 like character;

14 (3) setting a spring gun;

15 (4) possessing any device or attachment of any kind designed, used or
16 intended for use in suppressing the report of any firearm;

17 (5) selling, manufacturing, purchasing or possessing a shotgun with a
18 barrel less than 18 inches in length, or any firearm designed to discharge or
19 capable of discharging automatically more than once by a single function
20 of the trigger, whether the person knows or has reason to know the length
21 of the barrel or that the firearm is designed or capable of discharging
22 automatically;

23 (6) possessing, manufacturing, causing to be manufactured, selling,
24 offering for sale, lending, purchasing or giving away any cartridge which
25 can be fired by a handgun and which has a plastic-coated bullet that has a
26 core of less than 60% lead by weight, whether the person knows or has
27 reason to know that the plastic-coated bullet has a core of less than 60%
28 lead by weight;

29 (7) selling, giving or otherwise transferring any firearm with a barrel
30 less than 12 inches long to any person under 18 years of age whether the
31 person knows or has reason to know the length of the barrel;

32 (8) selling, giving or otherwise transferring any firearms to any
33 person who is both addicted to and an unlawful user of a controlled
34 substance;

35 (9) selling, giving or otherwise transferring any firearm to any person
36 who is or has been a mentally ill person subject to involuntary

1 commitment for care and treatment, as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946, and
2 amendments thereto, or a person with an alcohol or substance abuse
3 problem subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment as
4 defined in K.S.A. 59-29b46, and amendments thereto;

5 (10) possessing any firearm by a person who is both addicted to and
6 an unlawful user of a controlled substance;

7 (11) possessing any firearm by any person, other than a law
8 enforcement officer, in or on any school property or grounds upon which is
9 located a building or structure used by a unified school district or an
10 accredited nonpublic school for student instruction or attendance or
11 extracurricular activities of pupils enrolled in kindergarten or any of the
12 grades one through 12 or at any regularly scheduled school sponsored
13 activity or event whether the person knows or has reason to know that such
14 person was in or on any such property or grounds;

15 (12) refusing to surrender or immediately remove from school
16 property or grounds or at any regularly scheduled school sponsored
17 activity or event any firearm in the possession of any person, other than a
18 law enforcement officer, when so requested or directed by any duly
19 authorized school employee or any law enforcement officer;

20 (13) possessing any firearm by a person who is or has been a
21 mentally ill person subject to involuntary commitment for care and
22 treatment, as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946, and amendments thereto, or
23 persons with an alcohol or substance abuse problem subject to involuntary
24 commitment for care and treatment as defined in K.S.A. 59-29b46, and
25 amendments thereto; or

26 (14) possessing a firearm with a barrel less than 12 inches long by
27 any person less than 18 years of age.

28 (b) Criminal use of weapons as defined in:

29 (1) Subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9) or (a)(12) is a
30 class A nonperson misdemeanor;

31 (2) subsection (a)(4), (a)(5) or (a)(6) is a severity level 9, nonperson
32 felony;

33 (3) subsection (a)(10) or (a)(11) is a class B nonperson select
34 misdemeanor;

35 (4) subsection (a)(13) is a severity level 8, nonperson felony; and

36 (5) subsection (a)(14) is a:

37 (A) Class A nonperson misdemeanor except as provided in subsection
38 (b)(5)(B);

39 (B) severity level 8, nonperson felony upon a second or subsequent
40 conviction.

41 (c) Subsections (a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(5) shall not apply to:

42 (1) Law enforcement officers, or any person summoned by any such
43 officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while actually

1 engaged in assisting such officer;

2 (2) wardens, superintendents, directors, security personnel and
3 keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the
4 detention of persons accused or convicted of crime, while acting within the
5 scope of their authority;

6 (3) members of the armed services or reserve forces of the United
7 States or the Kansas national guard while in the performance of their
8 official duty; or

9 (4) the manufacture of, transportation to, or sale of weapons to a
10 person authorized under subsections (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(3) to possess
11 such weapons.

12 (d) Subsections (a)(4) and (a)(5) shall not apply to any person who
13 sells, purchases, possesses or carries a firearm, device or attachment which
14 has been rendered unserviceable by steel weld in the chamber and
15 marriage weld of the barrel to the receiver and which has been registered
16 in the national firearms registration and transfer record in compliance with
17 26 U.S.C. § 5841 et seq. in the name of such person and, if such person
18 transfers such firearm, device or attachment to another person, has been so
19 registered in the transferee's name by the transferor.

20 (e) Subsection (a)(6) shall not apply to a governmental laboratory or
21 solid plastic bullets.

22 (f) Subsection (a)(4) shall not apply to a law enforcement officer who
23 is:

24 (1) Assigned by the head of such officer's law enforcement agency to
25 a tactical unit which receives specialized, regular training;

26 (2) designated by the head of such officer's law enforcement agency
27 to possess devices described in subsection (a)(4); and

28 (3) in possession of commercially manufactured devices which are:

29 (A) Owned by the law enforcement agency;

30 (B) in such officer's possession only during specific operations; and

31 (C) approved by the bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms and
32 explosives of the United States department of justice.

33 (g) Subsections (a)(4), (a)(5) and (a)(6) shall not apply to any person
34 employed by a laboratory which is certified by the United States
35 department of justice, national institute of justice, while actually engaged
36 in the duties of their employment and on the premises of such certified
37 laboratory. Subsections (a)(4), (a)(5) and (a)(6) shall not affect the
38 manufacture of, transportation to or sale of weapons to such certified
39 laboratory.

40 (h) Subsections (a)(4) and (a)(5) shall not apply to or affect any
41 person or entity in compliance with the national firearms act, 26 U.S.C. §
42 5801 et seq.

43 (i) (1) *Subsection (a)(4) shall not apply to or affect any person in*

1 *possession of a device or attachment designed, used or intended for use in*
2 *suppressing the report of any firearm, if such device or attachment*
3 *satisfies the description of a Kansas-made firearm accessory as set forth*
4 *in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 50-1204, and amendments thereto.*

5 (2) *The provisions of this subsection shall apply to any violation of*
6 *subsection (a)(4) that occurred on or after April 25, 2013.*

7 ~~(i)~~ (j) Subsection (a)(11) shall not apply to:

8 (1) Possession of any firearm in connection with a firearms safety
9 course of instruction or firearms education course approved and authorized
10 by the school;

11 (2) possession of any firearm specifically authorized in writing by the
12 superintendent of any unified school district or the chief administrator of
13 any accredited nonpublic school;

14 (3) possession of a firearm secured in a motor vehicle by a parent,
15 guardian, custodian or someone authorized to act in such person's behalf
16 who is delivering or collecting a student; or

17 (4) possession of a firearm secured in a motor vehicle by a registered
18 voter who is on the school grounds, which contain a polling place for the
19 purpose of voting during polling hours on an election day; or

20 (5) possession of a concealed handgun by an individual who is not
21 prohibited from possessing a firearm under either federal or state law.

22 ~~(j)~~ (k) Subsections (a)(9) and (a)(13) shall not apply to a person who
23 has received a certificate of restoration pursuant to K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 75-
24 7c26, and amendments thereto.

25 ~~(k)~~ (l) Subsection (a)(14) shall not apply if such person, less than 18
26 years of age, was:

27 (1) In attendance at a hunter's safety course or a firearms safety
28 course;

29 (2) engaging in practice in the use of such firearm or target shooting
30 at an established range authorized by the governing body of the
31 jurisdiction in which such range is located, or at another private range with
32 permission of such person's parent or legal guardian;

33 (3) engaging in an organized competition involving the use of such
34 firearm, or participating in or practicing for a performance by an
35 organization exempt from federal income tax pursuant to section 501(c)(3)
36 of the internal revenue code of 1986 which uses firearms as a part of such
37 performance;

38 (4) hunting or trapping pursuant to a valid license issued to such
39 person pursuant to article 9 of chapter 32 of the Kansas Statutes
40 Annotated, and amendments thereto;

41 (5) traveling with any such firearm in such person's possession being
42 unloaded to or from any activity described in subsections ~~(k)(1)~~ (l)(1)
43 through ~~(k)(4)~~ (l)(4), only if such firearm is secured, unloaded and outside

1 the immediate access of such person;

2 (6) on real property under the control of such person's parent, legal
3 guardian or grandparent and who has the permission of such parent, legal
4 guardian or grandparent to possess such firearm; or

5 (7) at such person's residence and who, with the permission of such
6 person's parent or legal guardian, possesses such firearm for the purpose of
7 exercising the rights contained in K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-5222, 21-5223 or
8 21-5225, and amendments thereto.

9 (†) (m) As used in this section, "throwing star" means any instrument,
10 without handles, consisting of a metal plate having three or more radiating
11 points with one or more sharp edges and designed in the shape of a
12 polygon, trefoil, cross, star, diamond or other geometric shape,
13 manufactured for use as a weapon for throwing.

14 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 21-6301 is hereby repealed.

15 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
16 publication in the statute book.