

HOUSE BILL No. 2796

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning crimes and punishment; relating to criminal use of weapons; amending K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 21-4201 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 21-4201 is hereby amended to read as follows: 21-4201. (a) Criminal use of weapons is knowingly:

(1) Selling, manufacturing, purchasing, possessing or carrying any bludgeon, sandclub, metal knuckles or throwing star, or any knife, commonly referred to as a switch-blade, which has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife, or any knife having a blade that opens or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity or by an outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement;

(2) carrying concealed on one's person, or possessing with intent to use the same unlawfully against another, a dagger, dirk, billy, blackjack, slung shot, dangerous knife, straight-edged razor, stiletto or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument of like character, except that an ordinary pocket knife with no blade more than four inches in length shall not be construed to be a dangerous knife, or a dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument;

(3) carrying on one's person or in any land, water or air vehicle, with intent to use the same unlawfully, a tear gas or smoke bomb or projector or any object containing a noxious liquid, gas or substance;

(4) carrying any pistol, revolver or other firearm concealed on one's person except when on the person's land or in the person's abode or fixed place of business;

(5) setting a spring gun;

(6) possessing any device or attachment of any kind designed, used or intended for use in silencing the report of any firearm;

(7) selling, manufacturing, purchasing, possessing or carrying a shot-gun with a barrel less than 18 inches in length or any other firearm designed to discharge or capable of discharging automatically more than once by a single function of the trigger; or

(8) possessing, manufacturing, causing to be manufactured, selling,

1 offering for sale, lending, purchasing or giving away any cartridge which
2 can be fired by a handgun and which has a plastic-coated bullet that has
3 a core of less than 60% lead by weight.

4 (b) Subsections (a)(1), (2), (3), (4) and (7) shall not apply to or affect
5 any of the following:

6 (1) Law enforcement officers, or any person summoned by any such
7 officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while actually
8 engaged in assisting such officer;

9 (2) wardens, superintendents, directors, security personnel and keep-
10 ers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the detention
11 of persons accused or convicted of crime, while acting within the scope
12 of their authority;

13 (3) members of the armed services or reserve forces of the United
14 States or the Kansas national guard while in the performance of their
15 official duty; or

16 (4) manufacture of, transportation to, or sale of weapons to a person
17 authorized under subsections (b)(1), (2) and (3) to possess such weapons.

18 (c) Subsection (a)(4) shall not apply to or affect the following:

19 (1) Watchmen, while actually engaged in the performance of the du-
20 ties of their employment;

21 (2) licensed hunters or fishermen, while engaged in hunting or
22 fishing;

23 (3) private detectives licensed by the state to carry the firearm in-
24 volved, while actually engaged in the duties of their employment;

25 (4) detectives or special agents regularly employed by railroad com-
26 panies or other corporations to perform full-time security or investigative
27 service, while actually engaged in the duties of their employment;

28 (5) the state fire marshal, the state fire marshal's deputies or any
29 member of a fire department authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to
30 K.S.A. 31-157 and amendments thereto, while engaged in an investigation
31 in which such fire marshal, deputy or member is authorized to carry a
32 firearm pursuant to K.S.A. 31-157 and amendments thereto; ~~or~~

33 (6) special deputy sheriffs described in K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 19-827 who
34 have satisfactorily completed the basic course of instruction required for
35 permanent appointment as a part-time law enforcement officer under
36 K.S.A. 74-5607a and amendments thereto; *or*

37 (7) *a retired law enforcement officer, as defined in K.S.A. 74-5602,*
38 *and amendments thereto, who annually attends a firearm qualification*
39 *course taught by a national rifle association certified instructor or a Kan-*
40 *sas law enforcement training center certified instructor and carries on*
41 *one's person an identification card from the law enforcement agency from*
42 *which such officer is retired.*

43 (d) Subsections (a)(1), (6) and (7) shall not apply to any person who

1 sells, purchases, possesses or carries a firearm, device or attachment
2 which has been rendered unserviceable by steel weld in the chamber and
3 marriage weld of the barrel to the receiver and which has been registered
4 in the national firearms registration and transfer record in compliance
5 with 26 U.S.C. 5841 *et seq.* in the name of such person and, if such person
6 transfers such firearm, device or attachment to another person, has been
7 so registered in the transferee's name by the transferor.

8 (e) Subsection (a)(8) shall not apply to a governmental laboratory or
9 solid plastic bullets.

10 (f) It shall be a defense that the defendant is within an exemption.

11 (g) Violation of subsections (a)(1) through (a)(5) is a class A nonper-
12 son misdemeanor. Violation of subsection (a)(6), (a)(7) or (a)(8) is a se-
13 verity level 9, nonperson felony.

14 (h) As used in this section, "throwing star" means any instrument,
15 without handles, consisting of a metal plate having three or more radiating
16 points with one or more sharp edges and designed in the shape of a
17 polygon, trefoil, cross, star, diamond or other geometric shape, manufac-
18 tured for use as a weapon for throwing.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2001 Supp. 21-4201 is hereby repealed.

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

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