

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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SB 11 – Section Analysis

Section 1

Amends the criminal statute AS 11.61.210(a)(5) - Misconduct Involving Weapons in the Fourth Degree, deleting the prohibition in the law to *manufacture* a switchblade or a gravity knife, and adds the prohibition of selling or transferring these knives to a juvenile without the prior written consent of the person's parent or guardian.

Section 2

Amends the criminal statute AS 11.61.220(a)(3) – Misconduct Involving Weapons in the Fifth Degree, adding the prohibition for an unemancipated minor under 16 years of age to possess a switchblade or gravity knife without the consent of a parent or guardian of the minor

Section 3

Adds definitions for *gravity knife* and *switchblade* to the AS 11.81.900(b) *Definitions* section.

Section 4

Amends AS 29.10.200(40) *Limitation of home rule powers* to include the regulation of knives.

Section 5

Amends AS 29.35.145(a) *Regulation of firearms* to reserve to the state the power to regulate knives.

Section 6

Amends AS 29.35.145(b) to stipulate that municipalities have the authority to enact and enforce ordinances that restrict where knives may be sold; that a business selling knives may not be treated more restrictively than other businesses located within the same zone; and that municipalities may prohibit possession of knives in a posted *restricted access area* of municipal government buildings.

Section 7

Repeals AS 11.61.220(a)(5) - the prohibition to possess or transport a switchblade or gravity knife.