

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 1/18/11

Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act adding definitions of 'gravity knife' and 'switchblade' to the criminal law."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 11.81.900(b) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

4 (65) "gravity knife" means any knife that has a blade that opens or
5 releases a blade from its handle or sheath by the force of gravity or by the application
6 of centrifugal force; "gravity knife" does not include a knife that has a spring, detent,
7 or other mechanism designed to create a bias toward closure that requires a person to
8 apply exertion to the blade by hand, wrist, or arm to overcome the bias toward closure
9 and open or release the blade;

10 (66) "switchblade" means any knife that has a blade that folds, closes,
11 or retracts into the handle or sheath that opens automatically by pressure applied to a
12 button or other device located on the handle or sheath; "switchblade" does not include
13 a knife that has a spring, detent, or other mechanism designed to create a bias toward
14 closure that requires exertion applied to the blade by hand, wrist, or arm to overcome
15 the bias toward closure and open the blade.