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HOUSE BILL DRH30178-ML-35

Short Title: Allow Concealed Carry of Knife. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Kidwell.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW THE CONCEALED CARRY OF BLADED WEAPONS IF CERTAIN
3 REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 14-269 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 14-269. Carrying concealed weapons.

7 ...

8 (d) This section does not apply to an ordinary pocket knife carried in a closed position.
9 As used in this section, "ordinary pocket knife" means a ~~small knife, designed for carrying in a~~
10 ~~pocket or purse, that has its cutting edge and point entirely enclosed by its handle, and that may~~
11 ~~not be opened by a throwing, explosive, or spring action.~~ folding knife having a blade not more
12 than 6 inches in length.

13 (e) This section does not apply if (i) the weapon is a knife, (ii) the person carrying the
14 concealed knife is at least 18 years of age, (iii) the person carries valid identification at all times
15 he or she is carrying a concealed knife and displays the identification upon demand by a law
16 enforcement officer, (iv) the person has not been convicted of a felony under the laws of this
17 State, another state, or the United States, and (v) the person is not carrying a concealed knife in
18 or on a place where a concealed handgun is prohibited from being carried under subsection (c)
19 of G.S. 14-415.11. For purposes of this subsection, the term "knife" means any of the following:

20 (1) A bowie knife.

21 (2) A dirk.

22 (3) A dagger.

23 (4) A switchblade, as that term is defined in G.S. 14-269.2.

24 (5) A bladed weapon of like kind to the weapons described in this subsection, but
25 not including an ordinary pocket knife."

26 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses
27 committed on or after that date.

