

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1668

By: Representative Barnett

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING KNIFE REGULATION; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING KNIFE REGULATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 15, is amended to add a new subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 4
- Knife Regulation

12-15-401. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Knife" means a cutting instrument that includes a sharpened or pointed blade; and

(2) "Political subdivision" means:

(A) A county;

(B) A city;

(C) A town;

(D) A municipal corporation;

(E) A special district;

(F) A board, a commission, or an agency of:

(i) A city;



- (ii) A town;
- (iii) A municipal corporation; or
- (iv) A special district; or
- (G) Any other local agency.

12-15-402. Consistency in knife regulation.

(a) A political subdivision of this state shall not enact an ordinance, rule, or tax relating to the transportation, possession, carrying, sale, transfer, purchase, gift, devise, licensing, registration, or use of a knife or components used to make a knife except as permitted under this section.

(b) A political subdivision of this state shall not enact a rule or ordinance relating to the manufacture of a knife that is more restrictive than a rule or ordinance relating to the manufacture of other commercial goods.

(c) A political subdivision's rule or ordinance that relates to knives, whether enacted before or after the effective date of this act, shall be repealed and is void.