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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES H. F. No. 2567

A bill for an act

relating to public safety; removing switch blade knives from the list of prohibited

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance

1.3 1.4	dangerous weapons; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.66, subdivision 1.
1.5	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
1.6	Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 609.66, subdivision 1, is amended to read:
1.7	Subdivision 1. Misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor crimes. (a) Whoever does any
1.8	of the following is guilty of a crime and may be sentenced as provided in paragraph (b):
1.9	(1) recklessly handles or uses a gun or other dangerous weapon or explosive so as to
1.10	endanger the safety of another; or
1.11	(2) intentionally points a gun of any kind, capable of injuring or killing a human being
1.12	and whether loaded or unloaded, at or toward another; or
1.13	(3) manufactures or sells for any unlawful purpose any weapon known as a slungshot
1.14	or sand club; or
1.15	(4) manufactures, transfers, or possesses metal knuckles or a switch blade knife opening
1.16	automatically; or
1.17	(5) possesses any other dangerous article or substance for the purpose of being used
1.18	unlawfully as a weapon against another; or
1.19	(6) outside of a municipality and without the parent's or guardian's consent, furnishes a
1.20	child under 14 years of age, or as a parent or guardian permits the child to handle or use,
1.21	outside of the parent's or guardian's presence, a firearm or airgun of any kind, or any
1.22	ammunition or explosive.

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Possession of written evidence of prior consent signed by the minor's parent or guardian is a complete defense to a charge under clause (6).

(b) A person convicted under paragraph (a) may be sentenced as follows:

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- (1) if the act was committed in a public housing zone, as defined in section 152.01, subdivision 19, a school zone, as defined in section 152.01, subdivision 14a, or a park zone, as defined in section 152.01, subdivision 12a, to imprisonment for not more than one year or to payment of a fine of not more than \$3,000, or both; or
- (2) otherwise, including where the act was committed on residential premises within a zone described in clause (1) if the offender was at the time an owner, tenant, or invitee for a lawful purpose with respect to those residential premises, to imprisonment for not more than 90 days or to payment of a fine of not more than \$1,000, or both.

Section 1. 2