



**WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AMENDMENT MEMO**

2015 Assembly Bill 142

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1 and Assembly
Amendment 2 to Assembly
Substitute Amendment 1**

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2015 ASSEMBLY BILL 142

Current law generally prohibits a person from manufacturing, selling, transporting, purchasing, or possessing a switchblade knife (the switchblade prohibition). 2015 Assembly Bill 142 exempts certain groups of people from this prohibition. The bill also excludes from the definition of "switchblade knife" a knife with closure-biased springs that require physical force to be applied to the blade in order to open the knife.

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 does all of the following:

- Repeals the switchblade prohibition.
- Includes knives under the law that currently generally prohibits political subdivisions from enacting ordinances or adopting resolutions that regulate firearms and are more stringent than state law.
- Provides that a person may not be in violation of, or charged with a violation of, the disorderly conduct statute or an ordinance relating to disorderly conduct for carrying or going armed with a knife, without regard to whether the knife is concealed or openly carried, unless other facts and circumstances apply that indicate a criminal or malicious intent on the part of the person.
- Allows a person to carry any concealed knife unless the person is prohibited under state law from possessing a firearm.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2 TO ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 specifies that the substitute amendment does not prohibit a political subdivision from regulating the possession of a knife in buildings owned, occupied, or controlled by the political subdivision.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Bernier on June 1, 2015. On June 2, 2015, the Assembly Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety voted to recommend adoption of the substitute amendment by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 3 and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 2.

Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 was introduced by Representative Bernier on October 27, 2015. The Assembly passed Assembly Bill 142, as amended by Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 and Assembly Amendment 2 to Assembly Substitute Amendment 1, on October 27, 2015.

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