

~~{(d)}~~--(E)--Nothing--in--this--section--shall--be--construed--to prevent--the--carrying--of--any--of--the--weapons--mentioned--in subsection--(a)--of--this--section--by--an--officer--of--this--State,--or--of any--county--or--city--therein,--who--is--entitled--or--required--to--carry such--weapon--as--part--of--his--official--equipment,--or--by--any conservator--of--the--peace,--who--is--entitled--or--required--to--carry such--weapon--as--part--of--his--official--equipment,--or--by--any--officer or--conservator--of--the--peace--of--some--other--state--temporarily sojourning--in--this--State,--or--by--any--special--agent--of--a--railway--or by--any--person--to--whom--a--permit--to--carry--a--concealed--weapon--has been--issued--under--§--36E--of--this--article,--or--by--any--person--who shall--carry--such--weapon--as--a--reasonable--precaution--against apprehended--danger,--but--the--tribunal--before--which--any--case arising--under--the--provisions--of--this--section--may--be--tried,--shall have--the--right--to--judge--of--the--reasonableness--of--the--carrying--of any--such--weapon,--and--the--proper--occasion--therefor,--under--the evidence--in--the--case.

339.

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation or the agent of either, whether a licensed dealer or not, to sell, barter, display or offer to sell or barter[,]:

(1) ANY [any] knife having a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle thereof, commonly called "switchblade" knives, or any switchblade penknife operating in a similar manner; OR

(2) A DEVICE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS A "SHOOTING KNIFE", THAT IS DESIGNED TO PROPEL A KNIFE FROM A METAL SHEATH BY MEANS OF A HIGH-COMPRESSION EJECTOR SPRING.

(B) Any person or any agent, violating this section, shall, on conviction thereof, be fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

Approved May 13, 1986.

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