

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 357

House of Representatives, February 10, 2011

### **An Act To Authorize Certain Officials To Carry Automatic Knives While in the Performance of Their Duties**

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Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative AYOTTE of Caswell. (BY REQUEST)  
Cosponsored by Senator SHERMAN of Aroostook and  
Representatives: BURNS of Whiting, DAVIS of Sangerville.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1055, sub-§1**, as enacted by PL 1975, c. 499, §1, is  
3 amended to read:

4 1. A Except as provided in subsection 3, a person is guilty of trafficking in  
5 dangerous knives, if ~~providing he has no right to do so, he~~ the person knowingly  
6 manufactures or causes to be manufactured, or knowingly possesses, displays, offers,  
7 sells, lends, gives away or purchases any knife ~~which~~ that has a blade ~~which~~ that opens  
8 automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of  
9 the knife, or any knife having a blade ~~which~~ that opens or falls or is ejected into position  
10 by the force of gravity, or by an outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement.

11 **Sec. 2. 17-A MRSA §1055, sub-§3** is enacted to read:

12 3. A law enforcement officer, corrections officer or corrections supervisor pursuant  
13 to Title 25, section 2001-A, subsection 2, paragraph D may possess a dangerous knife as  
14 described in subsection 1.

15 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill allows law enforcement officers, corrections officers or corrections  
17 supervisors to possess a knife that has a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure  
18 applied to a button, spring or other device in the handle of the knife, or a knife having a  
19 blade that opens or falls or is ejected into position by the force of gravity or by an  
20 outward, downward or centrifugal thrust or movement.