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**SENATE BILL NO. 865**

Offered January 11, 2017

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-309 of the Code of Virginia, relating to prohibition against furnishing dirk, switchblade knife, or bowie knife to minor; exemption.*

Patrons—Stuart; Delegate: Cole

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 18.2-309 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 18.2-309. Furnishing certain weapons to minors; penalty.**

A. If any person sells, barter, gives or furnishes, or causes to be sold, bartered, given or furnished, to any minor a dirk, switchblade knife or bowie knife, having good cause to believe him to be a minor, such person shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. *This subsection shall not apply to any transfer made between family members or for the purpose of engaging in a sporting event or activity.*

B. If any person sells, barter, gives or furnishes, or causes to be sold, bartered, given or furnished, to any minor a handgun, having good cause to believe him to be a minor, such person shall be guilty of a Class 6 felony. This subsection shall not apply to any transfer made between family members or for the purpose of engaging in a sporting event or activity.

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