

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 18.2-311 of the Code of Virginia, relating to manufacture and*
3 *distribution of switchblade knives.*

4 [S 1251]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 18.2-311 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 18.2-311. Prohibiting the selling or having in possession blackjacks, etc.**

9 A. If any person sells or barter, or exhibits for sale or for barter, or gives or furnishes, or causes to
10 be sold, bartered, given or furnished, or has in his possession, or under his control, with the intent of
11 selling, bartering, giving or furnishing, any blackjack, brass or metal knucks, any disc of whatever
12 configuration having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled
13 and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, switchblade knife, ballistic knife as defined
14 in § 18.2-307.1, or like weapons, such person is guilty of a Class 4 misdemeanor. The having in one's
15 possession of any such weapon shall be prima facie evidence, except in the case of a conservator of the
16 peace, of his intent to sell, barter, give or furnish the same.

17 B. *The provisions of subsection A shall not apply to the possession of a switchblade knife by any*
18 *manufacturer or distributor in the course of his employment, or any employee thereof in the course of*
19 *his employment, or to the wholesale or retail sale of a switchblade knife by a manufacturer or*
20 *distributor through which the switchblade knife is shipped to any person outside the Commonwealth.*
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