

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1437

To clarify the definition of switchblade knives.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 9, 2009

Mr. HATCH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred
to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DEFINITION OF SWITCHBLADE KNIVES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4 of the Act entitled “An
5 Act to prohibit the introduction, or manufacture for intro-
6 duction, into interstate commerce of switchblade knives,
7 and for other purposes” (commonly known as the Federal
8 Switchblade Act) (15 U.S.C. 1244) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph
10 (3);

11 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
12 graph (4) and inserting “; or”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following:

2 “(5) a knife that contains a spring, detent, or
3 other mechanism designed to create a bias toward
4 closure of the blade and that requires exertion ap-
5 plied to the blade by hand, wrist, or arm to over-
6 come the bias toward closure to assist in opening the
7 knife.”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act.

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