

Senate Bill 432

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia
2 Annotated, relating to possession of dangerous weapons, so as to define a certain term; to
3 provide that a political subdivision shall not enact any ordinance which is more restrictive
4 of the sale or possession of a knife than general law; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Part 2 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
9 relating to possession of dangerous weapons, is amended by adding a new Code section to
10 read as follows:

11 "16-11-136.

12 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'knife' means any cutting instrument with a blade
13 and shall include, without limitation, a knife as such term is defined in Code Section
14 16-11-125.1.

15 (b) No political subdivision of this state shall, by rule or ordinance, constrain the
16 possession, manufacture, sale, or transfer of a knife more restrictively than the provisions
17 of this part."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.