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H.B. No. 2343

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the definition of an illegal knife; providing criminal  
3 penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 46.01(6), Penal Code, is amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (6) "Illegal knife" means a:

8 (A) knife with a total blade length over five and  
9 one-half inches, as measured along the surface of the blade;

10 (B) hand instrument designed to cut or stab  
11 another by being thrown;

12 (C) dagger, including but not limited to a dirk,  
13 stiletto, and poniard;

14 (D) bowie knife;

15 (E) sword; or

16 (F) spear.

17 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
18 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
19 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
20 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and  
21 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
22 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
23 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was  
24 committed before that date.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

1 COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 Amend H.B. No. 2343 on page 1 of the bill by striking lines 8  
3 and 9 and substituting the following:

4 (A) knife:

5 (i) with a blade over five and one-half  
6 inches; or

7 (ii) designed to be used with more than one  
8 blade exposed and a total combined length of all blades measuring  
9 over five and one-half inches;

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