### **SENATE AMENDMENTS**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Printing

By: Driver H.B. No. 4456

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6	read as follows:
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9	and that[+
10	$[\frac{\langle A \rangle}{\langle A \rangle}]$ opens automatically by pressure applied to
11	a button or other device located on the handle $[+]$ or
12	$\left[\frac{(B)}{B}\right]$ opens or releases a blade from the handle
13	or sheath by the force of gravity or by the application of
14	centrifugal force. The term does not include a knife that has a
15	spring, detent, or other mechanism designed to create a bias toward
16	closure and that requires exertion applied to the blade or blade
17	mechanism by hand, wrist, or arm to overcome the bias toward closure
18	and open the knife.
19	SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
20	to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
21	An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
22	covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the

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former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of

this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of

H.B. No. 4456

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### FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

#### May 27, 2009

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4456 by Driver (Relating to the definition of a switchblade knife for purposes of the offense of prohibited weapons.), As Passed 2nd House

### No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Penal Code as it relates to the definition of a switchblade knife.

#### **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice

#### FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

#### May 20, 2009

TO: Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4456 by Driver (Relating to the definition of a switchblade knife for purposes of the offense of prohibited weapons.), Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

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#### **April 6, 2009**

TO: Honorable Pete Gallego, Chair, House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4456 by Driver (Relating to the definition of a switchblade knife for purposes of the offense of prohibited weapons.), As Introduced

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