

**HOUSE BILL No. 2442**

By Representative Miller

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1 AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating  
2 to firearms; prohibiting the possession of certain devices or attachments  
3 used for the simulation of an automatic firearm; amending K.S.A. 2017  
4 Supp. 21-6301 and repealing the existing section.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-6301 is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows: 21-6301. (a) Criminal use of weapons is knowingly:

9 (1) Selling, manufacturing, purchasing or possessing any bludgeon,  
10 sand club, metal knuckles or throwing star;

11 (2) possessing with intent to use the same unlawfully against another,  
12 a dagger, dirk, billy, blackjack, slungshot, dangerous knife, straight-edged  
13 razor, stiletto or any other dangerous or deadly weapon or instrument of  
14 like character;

15 (3) setting a spring gun;

16 (4) possessing any device or attachment of any kind designed, used or  
17 intended for use in suppressing the report of any firearm;

18 (5) selling, manufacturing, purchasing or possessing a shotgun with a  
19 barrel less than 18 inches in length, or any firearm designed to discharge or  
20 capable of discharging automatically more than once by a single function  
21 of the trigger, whether the person knows or has reason to know the length  
22 of the barrel or that the firearm is designed or capable of discharging  
23 automatically;

24 (6) possessing, manufacturing, causing to be manufactured, selling,  
25 offering for sale, lending, purchasing or giving away any cartridge which  
26 can be fired by a handgun and which has a plastic-coated bullet that has a  
27 core of less than 60% lead by weight, whether the person knows or has  
28 reason to know that the plastic-coated bullet has a core of less than 60%  
29 lead by weight;

30 (7) selling, giving or otherwise transferring any firearm with a barrel  
31 less than 12 inches long to any person under 18 years of age whether the  
32 person knows or has reason to know the length of the barrel;

33 (8) selling, giving or otherwise transferring any firearms to any  
34 person who is both addicted to and an unlawful user of a controlled  
35 substance;

36 (9) selling, giving or otherwise transferring any firearm to any person

1 who is or has been a mentally ill person subject to involuntary  
2 commitment for care and treatment, as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946, and  
3 amendments thereto, or a person with an alcohol or substance abuse  
4 problem subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment as  
5 defined in K.S.A. 59-29b46, and amendments thereto;

6 (10) possessing any firearm by a person who is both addicted to and  
7 an unlawful user of a controlled substance;

8 (11) possessing any firearm by any person, other than a law  
9 enforcement officer, in or on any school property or grounds upon which is  
10 located a building or structure used by a unified school district or an  
11 accredited nonpublic school for student instruction or attendance or  
12 extracurricular activities of pupils enrolled in kindergarten or any of the  
13 grades one through 12 or at any regularly scheduled school sponsored  
14 activity or event whether the person knows or has reason to know that such  
15 person was in or on any such property or grounds;

16 (12) refusing to surrender or immediately remove from school  
17 property or grounds or at any regularly scheduled school sponsored  
18 activity or event any firearm in the possession of any person, other than a  
19 law enforcement officer, when so requested or directed by any duly  
20 authorized school employee or any law enforcement officer;

21 (13) possessing any firearm by a person who is or has been a  
22 mentally ill person subject to involuntary commitment for care and  
23 treatment, as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946, and amendments thereto, or  
24 persons with an alcohol or substance abuse problem subject to involuntary  
25 commitment for care and treatment as defined in K.S.A. 59-29b46, and  
26 amendments thereto;~~or~~

27 (14) possessing a firearm with a barrel less than 12 inches long by  
28 any person less than 18 years of age; *or*

29 *(15) possessing any device or attachment of any kind that is*  
30 *designed, used or intended to be used to attach to a semi-automatic*  
31 *firearm such that bullets may then be fired in rapid succession in a*  
32 *manner that simulates an automatic firearm.*

33 (b) Criminal use of weapons as defined in:

34 (1) Subsection (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9) or (a)(12) is a  
35 class A nonperson misdemeanor;

36 (2) subsection (a)(4), (a)(5)~~or~~, (a)(6) *or (a)(15)* is a severity level 9,  
37 nonperson felony;

38 (3) subsection (a)(10) or (a)(11) is a class B nonperson select  
39 misdemeanor;

40 (4) subsection (a)(13) is a severity level 8, nonperson felony; and

41 (5) subsection (a)(14) is a:

42 (A) Class A nonperson misdemeanor except as provided in subsection  
43 (b)(5)(B);

1 (B) severity level 8, nonperson felony upon a second or subsequent  
2 conviction.

3 (c) Subsections (a)(1), (a)(2) and (a)(5) shall not apply to:

4 (1) Law enforcement officers, or any person summoned by any such  
5 officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the peace while actually  
6 engaged in assisting such officer;

7 (2) wardens, superintendents, directors, security personnel and  
8 keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the  
9 detention of persons accused or convicted of crime, while acting within the  
10 scope of their authority;

11 (3) members of the armed services or reserve forces of the United  
12 States or the Kansas national guard while in the performance of their  
13 official duty; or

14 (4) the manufacture of, transportation to, or sale of weapons to a  
15 person authorized under subsections (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(3) to possess  
16 such weapons.

17 (d) Subsections (a)(4) and (a)(5) shall not apply to any person who  
18 sells, purchases, possesses or carries a firearm, device or attachment which  
19 has been rendered unserviceable by steel weld in the chamber and  
20 marriage weld of the barrel to the receiver and which has been registered  
21 in the national firearms registration and transfer record in compliance with  
22 26 U.S.C. § 5841 et seq. in the name of such person and, if such person  
23 transfers such firearm, device or attachment to another person, has been so  
24 registered in the transferee's name by the transferor.

25 (e) Subsection (a)(6) shall not apply to a governmental laboratory or  
26 solid plastic bullets.

27 (f) Subsection (a)(4) shall not apply to a law enforcement officer who  
28 is:

29 (1) Assigned by the head of such officer's law enforcement agency to  
30 a tactical unit which receives specialized, regular training;

31 (2) designated by the head of such officer's law enforcement agency  
32 to possess devices described in subsection (a)(4); and

33 (3) in possession of commercially manufactured devices which are:

34 (A) Owned by the law enforcement agency;

35 (B) in such officer's possession only during specific operations; and

36 (C) approved by the bureau of alcohol, tobacco, firearms and  
37 explosives of the United States department of justice.

38 (g) Subsections (a)(4), (a)(5)~~and~~, (a)(6) *and* (a)(15) shall not apply to  
39 any person employed by a laboratory which is certified by the United  
40 States department of justice, national institute of justice, while actually  
41 engaged in the duties of their employment and on the premises of such  
42 certified laboratory. Subsections (a)(4), (a)(5)~~and~~, (a)(6) *and* (a)(15) shall  
43 not affect the manufacture of, transportation to or sale of weapons to such

1 certified laboratory.

2 (h) Subsections (a)(4) and (a)(5) shall not apply to or affect any  
3 person or entity in compliance with the national firearms act, 26 U.S.C. §  
4 5801 et seq.

5 (i) Subsection (a)(11) shall not apply to:

6 (1) Possession of any firearm in connection with a firearms safety  
7 course of instruction or firearms education course approved and authorized  
8 by the school;

9 (2) possession of any firearm specifically authorized in writing by the  
10 superintendent of any unified school district or the chief administrator of  
11 any accredited nonpublic school;

12 (3) possession of a firearm secured in a motor vehicle by a parent,  
13 guardian, custodian or someone authorized to act in such person's behalf  
14 who is delivering or collecting a student; or

15 (4) possession of a firearm secured in a motor vehicle by a registered  
16 voter who is on the school grounds, which contain a polling place for the  
17 purpose of voting during polling hours on an election day; or

18 (5) possession of a concealed handgun by an individual who is not  
19 prohibited from possessing a firearm under either federal or state law.

20 (j) Subsections (a)(9) and (a)(13) shall not apply to a person who has  
21 received a certificate of restoration pursuant to K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 75-  
22 7c26, and amendments thereto.

23 (k) Subsection (a)(14) shall not apply if such person, less than 18  
24 years of age, was:

25 (1) In attendance at a hunter's safety course or a firearms safety  
26 course;

27 (2) engaging in practice in the use of such firearm or target shooting  
28 at an established range authorized by the governing body of the  
29 jurisdiction in which such range is located, or at another private range with  
30 permission of such person's parent or legal guardian;

31 (3) engaging in an organized competition involving the use of such  
32 firearm, or participating in or practicing for a performance by an  
33 organization exempt from federal income tax pursuant to section 501(c)(3)  
34 of the internal revenue code of 1986 which uses firearms as a part of such  
35 performance;

36 (4) hunting or trapping pursuant to a valid license issued to such  
37 person pursuant to article 9 of chapter 32 of the Kansas Statutes  
38 Annotated, and amendments thereto;

39 (5) traveling with any such firearm in such person's possession being  
40 unloaded to or from any activity described in subsections (k)(1) through  
41 (k)(4), only if such firearm is secured, unloaded and outside the immediate  
42 access of such person;

43 (6) on real property under the control of such person's parent, legal

1 guardian or grandparent and who has the permission of such parent, legal  
2 guardian or grandparent to possess such firearm; or

3 (7) at such person's residence and who, with the permission of such  
4 person's parent or legal guardian, possesses such firearm for the purpose of  
5 exercising the rights contained in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-5222, 21-5223 or  
6 21-5225, and amendments thereto.

7 (l) As used in this section, "throwing star" means any instrument,  
8 without handles, consisting of a metal plate having three or more radiating  
9 points with one or more sharp edges and designed in the shape of a  
10 polygon, trefoil, cross, star, diamond or other geometric shape,  
11 manufactured for use as a weapon for throwing.

12 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 21-6301 is hereby repealed.

13 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
14 publication in the statute book.