



HOUSE BILL 439: Allow Concealed Carry of Knife.

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 439 would allow the concealed carry of bladed weapons if certain requirements are met.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

G.S. 14-269(a) states that a person shall not carry concealed about his or her person any bowie knife, dagger, slung shot, loaded cane, metallic knuckles, razor, shuriken, stun gun, or other deadly weapon of like kind, except when the person is on the person's own premises.

House Bill 439 would create an exception to G.S. 14-269(a) if all of the following are true:

- The weapon is a knife.
- The person carrying the concealed knife is at least 18 years of age.
- The person carries valid identification at all times the person is carrying a concealed knife and displays the identification upon demand of a law enforcement officer.
- The person has not been convicted of a felony.
- The person is not a fugitive from justice.
- The person is not an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance.
- The person has not been adjudicated as mentally defective and has not been committed to any mental institution at 16 years of age or older.
- The person is not an alien, either illegally or unlawfully in the United States.
- The person has not been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions.
- The person, having been a citizen of the United States, has not renounced his or her citizenship.
- The person is not subject to a court order that restrains such person from harassing, stalking, or threatening an intimate partner of such person or child of such intimate partner or person, or engaging in other conduct that would place an intimate partner in reasonable fear of bodily injury to the partner or child.
- The person has not been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence.
- The person is not carrying a concealed knife anywhere a concealed handgun is prohibited from being carried under G.S. 14-415.11(c).

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A knife would be defined as any of the following:

- A bowie knife.
- A dirk.
- A dagger.
- A switchblade.
- A bladed weapon of like kind.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective December 1, 2025, and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.