

By: Representative Moore

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 686

1 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE FROM
2 ENACTING RESTRICTIONS ON THE POSSESSION, USE AND MANUFACTURE OF
3 KNIVES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) The following words and phrases have the
6 meanings ascribed in this subsection unless the context clearly
7 indicates otherwise:

8 (a) "Knife" means a cutting instrument and includes a
9 sharpened or pointed blade.

10 (b) "Political subdivision" means any county,
11 municipality, town, district, instrumentality of the state, public
12 corporation, body corporate, commission, board, agency, authority,
13 public body, politic or other public entity responsible for
14 governmental activities in a geographic area smaller than that of
15 the state.

16 (2) A political subdivision of this state may not enact any
17 ordinance, rule, regulation, policy or tax relating to the
18 transportation, possession, carrying, sale, transfer, purchase,



19 gift, devise, licensing, registration or use of a knife or knife
20 making components in this state.

21 (3) A political subdivision of this state may not enact any
22 ordinance, rule, regulation, policy or other local form of
23 legislation relating to the manufacture of a knife which is more
24 restrictive than any ordinance, rule, regulation, policy or other
25 local form of legislation relating to the manufacture of any other
26 commercial goods.

27 (4) The regulation of the transportation, possession,
28 carrying, sale, transfer, purchase, gift, devise, licensing,
29 registration or use of a knife or knife making components in this
30 state is reserved to the Legislature and may be regulated only by
31 legislation of statewide application.

32 (5) A political subdivision's ordinance, rule, regulation,
33 policy or other local form of legislation that relates to knives,
34 whether enacted before or after July 1, 2014, shall be deemed
35 repealed and is null and void.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2014.

