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CHAPTER 116**DAGGERS***[13th November, 1916]*

Ch. 34,
R.L., 1958.
CAP. 86,
R.E. 1980-1990.
22 of 1963.
42 of 1999.

Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as the Daggers Act

Interpretation. **2.**-(1) In this Act, “dagger” means,

(a) any instrument having a metal blade with an edge or the point sharpened or suitable for being sharpened fixed into a handle so that it cannot be folded into the handle other than an instrument suitable and intended to be used for the purposes of trade, hunting, industry or domestic use;

22 of 1963. (b) any knife which has a blade which opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button spring or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife, sometimes known as a “flick knife” or “flick gun”;

(c) any knife which has a blade which is released from the handle or sheath thereof by the force of gravity or the application of centrifugal force and which, when released, is locked in place by means of a button spring lever or other device sometimes known as a “gravity knife”.

(2) Any person may require the Commissioner of Police to give his opinion in writing whether any instrument produced to him is or is not a dagger within the meaning of this Act, and the opinion in writing of the Commissioner of Police, that any instrument is not a dagger within the meaning aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence of the fact.

(3) The Commissioner of Police may, if he thinks fit, require a duplicate of any instrument on which his opinion is required to be deposited with him, and such duplicate may be detained for purposes of reference.

3.-(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to carry any dagger on his person.

Prohibition of carrying daggers.

(2) Any person carrying, or reasonably suspected of carrying, a dagger on his person may be arrested without warrant by any member of the police department and dealt with as prescribed by sections 97 and 98 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act, Cap. 99, in the case of a person found committing a summary jurisdiction offence.

42 of 1999.

4. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or expose or offer for sale or have in his possession, power or control for sale, or despatch, or delivery to a purchaser, any dagger.

Prohibition of the sales of daggers.

5.-(1) The importation of any daggers into Belize is hereby prohibited, and all daggers imported in breach of this prohibition shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture.

Prohibition of the importation of daggers.

(2) This section shall have effect as if it formed part of the Customs Regulation Act, Cap.49, as amended by any subsequent enactment.

6. Any person acting in contravention of this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding nine months or to both.

Penalty for contravening Act.