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This table summarizes how the latest substitute version of the bill differs from the immediately preceding version. It addresses only the topics on which the two versions differ substantively. It does not list topics on which the two bills are substantively the same.

Previous Version (As Introduced)	Latest Version (I_134_0933-1)
Regulation of knives	
Prohibits political subdivisions from regulating or taxing knives or knife components, including their use and sale, and prohibits political subdivisions from regulating or taxing the manufacture of knives in a manner more restrictive than the manufacture of other commercial goods (<i>R.C. 9.681(B) and (C)</i>).	States that, except as specifically provided by the U.S. Constitution, Ohio Constitution, state law, or federal law, a person, without further license, permission, restriction, delay, or process, including by any ordinance, rule, regulation, resolution, practice, or other action or any threat of citation, prosecution, or other legal process, may own, possess, purchase, acquire, transport, store, carry, sell, transfer, manufacture, or keep any knife (<i>R.C. 9.68(A)</i>).
No provision.	Allows any person, group, or entity adversely affected by a political subdivision's regulation, ordinance, or other action in conflict with the knife regulation requirements to sue the political subdivision for damages and injunctive relief (<i>R.C. 9.68(B)</i>).
Repeals any contrary ordinances, resolutions, or rules (<i>R.C. 9.681(D)</i>).	No provision.

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No provision.	Makes an exception for zoning ordinances that regulates or prohibits the commercial sale of knives in areas zoned for residential or agricultural uses, and zoning ordinances that specify the hours of operation or the geographic areas where the commercial sale of knives may occur, provided that the zoning ordinance is consistent with zoning ordinances for other retail establishments in the same geographic area and does not result in a de facto prohibition of the commercial sale of knives (<i>R.C. 9.68(D)</i>).