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An Act to prevent the carrying of Deadly Weapons about the person. Passed 12th April 1861.

Section.	Section.
1. Fine for carrying certain deadly weapon:	4. Offences may be tried under Cap. 138,
2. Penalty for carrying sheath knives in seaports; exception.	of Rev. Stat.
3. Penalty for selling, &c. certain deadly weapons.	5. On conviction weapons to be impounded and destroyed.
	6. When prosecutions to be commenced.

Whereas the practice of carrying deadly weapons about the person is attended with great danger, and tends to aggravate the consequences of sudden quarrels, and it is therefore expedient to put a stop thereto;—

Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council, and Assembly, as follows:—

1. That after the passing of this Act, any person found carrying about his person any bowie-knife or dagger, or any weapon known as iron, brass, or metal knuckles, skull-crackers, slung shot, or other offensive weapon of a like character, shall be subject to a fine of not less than four dollars nor more than twenty dollars, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty nor less than ten days, at the option and discretion of the Court where the offence is tried; such fines, penalties, or imprisonments shall be in addition to any fines, penalties, or imprisonments imposed or liable to be imposed by law for offences committed in the use of such weapons; provided that nothing herein contained shall apply to Her Majesty's army or navy, or militia, or volunteers, or police forces.
2. If any person shall be found in any of the Seaport Towns or Cities in this Province carrying about his person any sheath-knife, he shall be subject to the like pains and penalties as in the preceding section; provided however, that nothing herein contained shall apply to seamen or riggers when occupied or engaged in their lawful trade or calling.
3. Any person having in his possession for sale, selling, or exposing for sale, any bowie-knife or dagger, or any weapon known as iron, brass, or metal knuckles, skull-crackers, or slung shot, shall be subject to the fine, penalty, or imprisonment mentioned in the first section of this Act.
4. Any person charged with having committed any offence against the provisions of this Act, may be tried and dealt with in pursuance with the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Chapter 138, Title XXXVII, 'Of Summary Convictions.'

5. It shall be the duty of the Court or Justice before whom any person is convicted under this Act, to impound the weapon for carrying which such person is convicted, and to cause the same to be destroyed.

6. All prosecutions under this Act shall be commenced within one month from the time when the offence charged shall have been committed.