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To protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport knives interstate,
notwithstanding a patchwork of local and State prohibitions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2025

Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. DAINES,
Mr. PETERS, Mr. RISCH, Ms. LUMMIS, and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced
the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee
on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Reported by Mr. CRUZ, without amendment

A BILL

To protect the right of law-abiding citizens to transport
knives interstate, notwithstanding a patchwork of local
and State prohibitions.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Interstate Transport
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF KNIVES.**

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

3 (1) STATE.—The term “State” means any of
4 the 50 States, the District of Columbia, American
5 Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana
6 Islands, the Virgin Islands of the United States, and
7 any other territory of the United States.

8 (2) TRANSPORT.—The term “transport”—

9 (A) includes staying in temporary lodging
10 overnight, common carrier misrouting or delays,
11 stops for food, fuel, vehicle maintenance, emer-
12 gencies, or medical treatment, and any other
13 activity related to the journey of a person; and

14 (B) does not include transport of a knife
15 with the intent to commit an offense punishable
16 by imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year
17 involving the use or threatened use of force
18 against another person, or with knowledge, or
19 reasonable cause to believe, that such an of-
20 fense is to be committed in the course of, or
21 arising from, the journey.

22 (b) TRANSPORT OF KNIVES.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
24 provision of any law or any rule or regulation of a
25 State or any political subdivision thereof, a person
26 who is not otherwise prohibited by any Federal law

1 from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving
2 a knife shall be entitled to transport a knife for any
3 lawful purpose from any place where the person may
4 lawfully possess, carry, or transport the knife to any
5 other place where the person may lawfully possess,
6 carry, or transport the knife if—

7 (A) in the case of transport by motor vehi-
8 cle, the knife—

9 (i) is not directly accessible from the
10 passenger compartment of the motor vehi-
11 cle; or

12 (ii) in the case of a motor vehicle
13 without a compartment separate from the
14 passenger compartment, is contained in a
15 locked container other than the glove com-
16 partment or console; and

17 (B) in the case of transport by means
18 other than a motor vehicle, including any trans-
19 port over land or on or through water, the knife
20 is contained in a locked container.

21 (2) LIMITATION.—This subsection shall not
22 apply to the transport of a knife or tool in the cabin
23 of a passenger aircraft subject to the rules and regu-
24 lations of the Transportation Security Administra-
25 tion.

1 (c) EMERGENCY KNIVES.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—A person—

3 (A) may carry in the passenger compart-
4 ment of a mode of transportation a knife or
5 tool—

6 (i) the blades of which consist only of
7 a blunt tipped safety blade, a guarded
8 blade, or both; and

9 (ii) that is specifically designed for en-
10 abling escape in an emergency by cutting
11 safety belts; and

12 (B) shall not be required to secure a knife
13 or tool described in subparagraph (A) in a
14 locked container.

15 (2) LIMITATION.—This subsection shall not
16 apply to the transport of a knife or tool in the cabin
17 of a passenger aircraft subject to the rules and regu-
18 lations of the Transportation Security Administra-
19 tion.

20 (d) NO ARREST.—A person who is transporting a
21 knife in compliance with this section may not be arrested
22 for violation of any law, rule, or regulation of a State or
23 political subdivision of a State related to the possession,
24 transport, or carrying of a knife, unless there is probable

1 cause to believe that the person is not in compliance with
2 subsection (b).

3 (e) COSTS.—If a person who asserts this section as
4 a claim or defense in a civil or criminal action or pro-
5 ceeding is a prevailing party on the claim or defense, the
6 court shall award costs and reasonable attorney’s fees in-
7 curred by the person.

8 (f) EXPUNGEMENT.—If a person who asserts this
9 section as a claim or defense in a criminal proceeding is
10 a prevailing party on the claim or defense, the court shall
11 enter an order that directs that there be expunged from
12 all official records all references to—

13 (1) the arrest of the person for the offense as
14 to which the claim or defense was asserted;

15 (2) the institution of any criminal proceedings
16 against the person relating to such offense; and

17 (3) the results of the proceedings, if any.

18 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
19 tion shall be construed to limit any right to possess, carry,
20 or transport a knife under applicable State law.

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