

## S 1315

Knife Owners' Protection Act of 2015

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Crime and Law Enforcement

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**Latest Action:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 201. (Aug 28, 2015)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1315>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Enzi, Michael B. [R-WY]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (13 total)

| Cosponsor                     | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]  | D · NM        |      | May 13, 2015 |
| Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]         | R · UT        |      | May 13, 2015 |
| Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV] | D · WV        |      | May 13, 2015 |
| Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]       | R · SD        |      | May 13, 2015 |
| Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]        | D · OR        |      | May 13, 2015 |
| Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]      | R · KS        |      | Oct 20, 2015 |
| Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]       | D · MT        |      | Oct 20, 2015 |
| Sen. Daines, Steve [R-MT]     | R · MT        |      | Dec 3, 2015  |
| Sen. Udall, Tom [D-NM]        | D · NM        |      | Dec 3, 2015  |
| Sen. Cantwell, Maria [D-WA]   | D · WA        |      | Jan 11, 2016 |
| Sen. Crapo, Mike [R-ID]       | R · ID        |      | Jan 11, 2016 |
| Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]     | D · OR        |      | Feb 2, 2016  |
| Sen. Risch, James E. [R-ID]   | R · ID        |      | Feb 2, 2016  |

### Committee Activity

| Committee                                       | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|---|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee | Senate  | Reported By | Aug 28, 2015 |

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

## Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action  |
|------------|--------------|--|
| 114 S 567  | Related bill | <b>Feb 25, 2015:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.      |
| 114 HR 419 | Related bill | <b>Feb 5, 2015:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations. |

## Summary (as of Aug 28, 2015)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

### Knife Owners' Protection Act of 2015

(Sec. 2) This bill permits an individual to transport a knife between two states where knife possession, carry, or transport is legal. A knife must be securely stored during transport.

Specifically, a knife transported by motor vehicle must be inaccessible from the vehicle's passenger compartment or secured in a closed container, glove compartment, or console in a vehicle with no separate passenger compartment. A knife transported by other means (e.g., air) must be secured in a closed container.

An emergency knife designed to cut seat belts is exempt from the requirement to be securely stored during interstate transport.

This bill prohibits the arrest or detention of an individual for a knife violation unless there is probable cause to believe the individual failed to securely store the knife during transport. An individual may assert compliance with this Act as a claim or defense in any civil or criminal action or proceeding.

### Actions Timeline

- **Aug 28, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Reported by Senator Thune under authority of the order of the Senate of 08/05/2015 without amendment. With written report No. 114-121.
- **Aug 28, 2015:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 201.
- **May 20, 2015:** Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 13, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 13, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.