

HR 88

Knife Owners' Protection Act of 2019

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Crime and Law Enforcement

Introduced: Jan 3, 2019

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce. (Jan 25, 2019)

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]

Party: Republican • **State:** AZ • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (7 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Latta, Robert E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Meadows, Mark [R-NC-11]	R · NC		Jan 3, 2019
Rep. Gosar, Paul A. [R-AZ-4]	R · AZ		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	R · TX		Jan 8, 2019
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Sep 25, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2019
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 3, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Crime and Law Enforcement

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Knife Owners' Protection Act of 2019

This bill permits an individual to transport a knife between two places (i.e., states) where knife possession, carry, or transport is legal. A knife must be securely stored during transport, unless it is an emergency knife designed to cut seat belts.

The 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 bill as a claim or defense in any civil or criminal proceeding.

This bill repeals provisions, commonly known as the Federal Switchblade Act, that prohibit the introduction of switchblade knives into interstate commerce. It also repeals the Ballistic Knife Prohibition Act of 1986, which prohibits the possession, manufacture, sale, or importation of a ballistic knife.

Finally, it eliminates two criminal provisions—one that restricts the mailability of switchblade knives, and one that restricts the mailability of ballistic knives.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 25, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 3, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.

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