



AKTI News & Legislative Updates

Several Knife Bills in the Works!

- **Ohio** [SB 140](#) introduced May 1, 2019, to remove prohibitions on the manufacture, possession and sale of automatic knives, springblade knives and gravity knives passed the Senate last summer. Referred to the House Committee on Criminal Justice September 24, 2019. AKTI submitted written testimony of support.
- **Michigan** HB 5286 would prohibit local governments adopting or enforcing knife ordinance more restrictive than Michigan state law.
- **Washington** [SB 5782](#) would allow the sale and possession of automatic knives.
- **West Virginia** SB 96 would keep municipalities from regulating the purchasing, possessing, transferring, owning, carrying, transporting, selling and storing of knives.

Check [Follow Current Legislation](#) on our website for more information on these and other states we are working on to make effective, responsible change to knife restrictions.

Two Important Initiatives Continue

(1) Repealing the [1958 Federal Switchblade Act](#)

- [Automatic knives are legal in 44 states.](#)
- Commercial sale of automatic knives across state lines is restricted.

We believe if an auto is legal to possess in your state, you should be able to buy the legal knife you want!

AKTI's [Freedom of Commerce Act S. 1588](#) to repeal these restrictions is a huge initiative with a large financial commitment. ***We need to raise at least \$180,000 to make it happen.***

(2) Expanding State Knife Law Information (www.stateknifelaws.com) to include:

- Details on restrictions in certain circumstances/locations
- Major cities with additional knife restrictions
- Discussion of relevant court cases and more

Updated and expanded information will be valuable not only to knife users, but also legislators writing laws, law enforcement understanding knife law, and attorneys handling knife cases.

Completing this project will cost \$10,000, at a much reduced rate. Check out the

expanded information already available for [Ohio](#), [Washington](#), [Oregon](#), [Wisconsin](#), [New York](#), [Pennsylvania](#) and [more](#).

A sincere thank you for the contributions so far to repeal the Federal Switchblade Act and to have the most valuable, reliable and accurate state knife law information on the internet.

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