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AKTI News & Legislative Updates

The strong united advocate for the knife community.

Greetings!

In this crisis time for our country and the entire world, our aim is to continue to make a positive impact for the entire knife community and advocate for our industry. AKTI's strength lies in our foundation as a multi-faceted organization, with a diverse and cooperative governing body, working together for the benefit of knife makers, sellers, buyers and users.

I want to assure you that AKTI is continuing to be engaged on the federal and state levels, where applicable, affecting policy that ensures our ability to make, sell and use knives. We must not waver and risk losing the rights we have worked so hard to expand. We must protect the ability to make and sell knives and tackle the issues that our industry faces with a united front.

Be vigilant and safe.

John Sullivan
AKTI President

Brandishing a Knife?

Do you know what "brandishing a knife" means and that it is a prohibited manner of open carry in many states? Check out what brandishing is and how to avoid a legal problem. Read "[Brandishing a Knife.](#)"



Fed Up With a Lack of Cooperation - Brands Take Their Frustrations with Marketplaces to the Courts

"For those of you engaged in a constant struggle to uncover and address counterfeit goods on Amazon, as well as other online marketplaces, the avoidance of liability by the owners of the channels themselves can be endlessly frustrating." The latest AKTI Brand



Protection article "[Fed Up With a Lack of Cooperation: Brands Take Their Frustrations With Marketplaces to the Courts](#)," provides an overview of a few cases currently going through the court system that may make a difference.

Legislative Updates

Washington

SB 5782 that would have allowed the sale and possession of automatic knives stalled on the House floor. We'll be back next year with a stronger coalition of support. [More details.](#)



Michigan

HB 5286 to protect knife users from varying local knife laws more restrictive than [Michigan's state laws](#) regarding knives by enacting [statewide preemption](#) passed the House. The Senate has until the end of the year to take action.

West Virginia

SB 96 to enact [statewide preemption](#) was signed into law, however, it will NOT be effective until May 31, 2020.

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SPOTLIGHT ON AKTI INDUSTRY MEMBER



[Blue Ridge Knives](#), a wholesale knife distributor in Marion, Virginia, carries over 700 brands, and supplies only to qualified dealers. A strong supporter of AKTI, Blue Ridge Knives has been a faithful Premier member since the nonprofit was formed in 1998.

Ensuring that Americans will always be able to make, buy, sell, own, carry and use the knives and edged tools of their choice.

For more information on the American Knife & Tool Institute visit www.AKTI.org

