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To permit the transport and possession of switchblade knives interstate and in Indian country, to liberalize federal knife ownership laws, including those regulating the mailing of switchblade knives via the United States Postal Service, and to protect the rights of knife owners.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 21, 2021

Mr. NOAH (for himself, Mr. JAMES of Frontier, Mr. SEAYER, Mr. FRANCIS, Mrs. BIELANSKI, Senator TOWARD, and Senator WAYNE) introduced the following bill;

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Knife Rights Protection Act of 2021”.

SEC. 2. AMENDING LAWS AND UNITED STATES CODE.

- (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of Federal law or other Federal regulation, any person who is not otherwise prohibited by Federal law from possessing, transporting, shipping, or receiving a knife or knives shall be entitled to transport a knife or knives from any place where such person may lawfully possess, carry or transport such a knife or knives to any other place where such person may lawfully possess, carry or transport such a knife or knives, provided that—
- (i) in the case of transportation by aircraft, the regulations of the Transportation Security Administration or any other appropriate agency on the safe storage of the knife or knives, to include being contained in a locked container, be complied with.
- (b) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed in any way to limit any right to possess, carry, or transport a knife or knives under applicable State law.

SEC. 3. AMENDING LAWS AND UNITED STATES CODE.

- (a) **CODE REPEALED.**—
- (i) [Chapter 29 of Title 15](#), United States Code, is hereby repealed.
 - (ii) Subsections (g) and (i) of [18 USC 1716](#) are hereby repealed.
- (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—
- (i) The table of contents of Title 15, United States Code, is amended by striking the item relating to Chapter 29 and inserting the following: “[Chapter 29. Repealed]”.
 - (ii) Section 1716 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by redesignating—
 - (1) subsection (h) as subsection (g);
 - (2) subsection (j) as subsection (h); and
 - (3) subsection (k) as subsection (i).

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act shall enter into effect 15 days after its enactment.

SEC. 5. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Act are severable; should any provision of this Act be found unconstitutional or unenforceable, or be otherwise stricken, the remainder of this Act shall remain in full force and effect.