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## The rule of law book pdf

We live in a world of laws. Speed limits and traffic laws regulate the way we drive. Criminal prohibitions on everything from fraud and embezzlement to assault and battery give order and control to everyday life in a free society. Personal injury laws may seem like they are meant to pad the pockets of doctors, lawyers and insurance companies, but most were intended to protect people in the event of an accident. But some laws make you scratch your head. Any fool can make a rule, and any fool will care about it, Henry David Thoreau once said. He was a shrill abolitionist and swore the enemy of the taxman, he probably referred to slavery and consumer laws. Restrictions on things like arcade games, fake wrestling matches and card trading may have been less offensive to the Civil Disobedience author, but it makes them no less incomprehensible and, in some cases, ridiculous. Ad Coming up with a list of 10 most archaic laws still in effect is no problem. Narrow the list to just 10, but is a bit of an undertaking. Read on to see the 10 most outdated, unnecessary and downright strange laws that are still on the books. Contents Popeye's chicken and biscuits were born and bred in New Orleans. The colonel roasted his birds in Kentucky. But Georgians take this ruined delicacy perhaps the most serious of all southern states. A warm, crispy drumstick practically asks to be scooped up and consumed with your own two mittens. In the Peach State, it's the law. Technical. Ad A Gainesville, Ga. ordinance makes it illegal to consume fried chicken in any way other than by hand. Adopted in 1961 as a PR stunt to promote Gainesville as a beacon of poultry, the law remains on the books. Don't despair, but if you find yourself using cutlery to cut a pan-fried thigh within the city limits. In 2009, a 91-year-old woman who was arrested for consuming fried chicken with a fork was pardoned moments later by Gainesville's mayor, on hand as part of a practical joke [source: Jordan]. New Orleans really treats its firefighters with reverence. The heroes who brave flaming flames in the Big Easy may seem to be grizzled, rough-and-tumble professionals, but deep down they have the sensibilities of a delicate flower. Especially when it comes to colorful language. Section 74-2 of the New Orleans City Code states It shall be unlawful and a violation of the peace for any person who only wants to curse or mock or to use obscene or opprogyable language against or referring to a member of the city's fire department while he is in the actual performance of his duty. The law is still on the books, but was ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1974 [sources: Code of Ordinances, Lewis v. New Orleans]. Now we just need to find out what opprobrious means. Ad It's hard to imagine a city once run by Outlaw Wales would be overly regulated. But Carmel, Calif., where Clint Eastwood served as mayor from 1986 to 1988, is home to a number of unusual laws, including a ban on high heels. That's right, shoes with heels more than 2 inches (5 centimeters) tall or with less than a one-square-inch base are a no-no in this scenic Monterey retreat. The ban on pumps was enacted in an effort to limit the city's responsibility for hiking and fall accidents by people crossing Carmel's uneven streets in stilettos. It's not often enforced - and you can get a free high heel permit at City Hall [source: Grischy]. Ad There are all sorts of crazy laws in the United States that regulate what people can and can't do on Sunday. This is largely a reflection of the country's Puritan roots. Restrictions on alcohol sales (and the Chick-fil-A rule against opening on the Sabbath) remain in place in many states, cities and towns, but they are hardly the only sobering Sunday bans still enforced by the funny police. In Alabama, for example, it is a criminal offense against public health and morality to engage in a whole range of activities on Sunday, including playing cards. Shooting, hunting, betting and racing are also prohibited and carry a fine of \$10 to \$100. Worse, you can be imprisoned or sentenced to hard labor for no more than three months for any of these immoral acts [source: Justia]. Ad Maine residents digging their lobsters, black bears and fast winter mornings. They're not too keen on shysters selling cars on Sunday. Pursuant to Title 17, Section 3203 of the State Code, the sale of cars and other motor vehicles on Sunday is strictly prohibited. Violating the law is a felony, punishable by up to six months in prison and a \$1,000 fine, along with the auto dealer's license recall. However, the law is not only limited to the guys down at McGillicuddy's Mazda & Subaru Barn. It applies to any person participating in the purchase, sale, exchange or trade of a new or used car on the day of rest [source: Maine Revised Statutes]. Surprisingly, many car dealers are in favor of this ban, as it gives them a break from the relentless competition among each other [source: Newman]. Advertising Being avid outdoors people as they are, lawmakers in Pine Tree State make an exception for motorhome sales, which is perfectly legal seven days a week [source: Maine Revised Statutes]. There is common belief among many a barfly that on the seventh day, our Creator made beer and on the eighth he laid pretzels. The good people of North Dakota, however, didn't get that note. Sure, bars and restaurants here can serve suds and pretzels, but not at the same time, according to a bizarre state law. Perhaps the deep and almost unquenchable thirst caused by a sack of sourdough knot caused a protector too many to exaggerate it on Stroh's Light. Perhaps the state is experiencing a and sodium deficiency. Whatever the reason, don't expect to enjoy a cold

one with a pack of Rold Golds the next time you're bar hopping in Fargo [sources: Cosme, Rothschild]. Advertising People tend to move at a slower pace down the South. Call it a lifestyle choice, a means of fighting the smoldering southern sun or just an innate inability to move at a clip faster than calm amble. The fact is that people are approaching life at their own sweet time under the Mason-Dixon line. That's why an Alabama law meant to speed things up sticking out like a hot dog at a hamburger party. There's no time to stop and smell the roses when you vote in Alabama. State law requires voters to cast their ballots within five minutes of entering a polling booth. In place since 1961 (before sweeping federal civil rights legislation, such as the Voting Rights Act), the law dictates that violators be banished from the polling station. Voters who need help may get extra time, but it's probably a good idea to make up your mind about the hotly contested county's animal control board race before entering the booth [source: Alabama Code; Lawyers committee for civil rights]. Advertising But when little Johnny beats the big one 1-3, feel free to send him to a career like trapeze swinger or carnival barker. The list of professions that parents can't hire out their underage children aged 12 and younger in Georgia includes gymnast, contortionist, circus rider and acrobat, as well as clown and wire walker. Why these particular professions - as opposed to, say, chimney sweep, alligator trainer or pavement sign holder - have been identified as particularly unsuitable for young children, is not clear. Perhaps in the old days, it was a common way to get rid of some of your unwanted children. In any case, the consequences of running afoul of this law are well established: A misdemeanor conviction can come with up to a year in slammer and a maximum \$1,000 fine [source: Code of Georgia, Georgia Criminal Procedure]. Advertising Among society's many evils - crystal meth, gun violence, Nickelback - pinball is probably not at the top of most people's lists. That hasn't stopped lawmakers in Beacon, N.Y., from banning the once-popular arcade game within city limits. Beacon is not the first place to ban pinball. A number of major cities proclaimed the game until the 1970s, with officials claiming pinball was linked to mafia activity, not to mention sucking time and money from America's youth (quite like a pool in The Music Man). But unlike some of the other entries on this list, the anti-pinball law is not only still on the books, but is also being enforced. In 2010, the city forced a retro arcade museum to close its doors, citing the pinball ban and threatened a \$1,000-a-day fine [source: Frauenfelder]. Ad When Randy Macho Man Savage Crushed Dragon Steamboat larynx with a timekeeper clock during a 1987 battle for the pro wrestling Intercontinental Championship belt, it certainly looked real. The blood that Hulk Hogan spilled over the ring in a legendary 2005 Summer Slam knocked down on Shawn Michaels also looked pretty darn legitimate. But even diehard wrestling fans know deep inside that thunderous leg drops, devastating sleeping holds and soap opera style shenanigans that go on inside the square circle are staged. The suspicion can be confirmed, thanks to a Louisiana law. The sport of pro wrestling was illegal within state lines under a law prohibiting boxing and wrestling events that are sham or fake contests or exhibitions. Passed in 1974, the law was amended to exempt pro wrestling from the ban in 2007 [source: La Legal]. 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