

STATE LAWS

(that may or may not have been or still are state laws)

ALABAMA: Apparently 'Bama is an acronym for Blunt All Motorist Adventures, for officials there have inexplicably made it illegal to drive while blindfolded.

ALASKA: Contrary to public opinion roof racks are not specifically designed for skis, snowboards and cocker spaniels. Or at least not in Alaska, where authorities have found it necessary to declare it illegal to tether a dog to the roof of a car.

ARKANSAS: Think twice while in Arkansas if you harbor an unflagging passion for cold cut sandwiches and honking your car horn. Arkansas authorities have deemed it illegal to blare a car horn where ice cold beverages or sandwiches are served after 9 p.m.

CALIFORNIA: No matter how luxuriously comfortable that divided highway may look, it is illegal in Eureka, California, to use a road as a bed.

- In order to save money on having to crop dust their streets, officials in Chico, California, have made it illegal to plant rutabagas in roadways.
- Officials in Glendale, California, no doubt, caved in to insurance lobbyists when they inexplicably decided to make it illegal to jump from a car at 65 mph.
- Don't expect to find any salt-rimmed curbs in Hermosa Beach, California. Officials there have made it illegal to spill your Margarita on any street.

CONNECTICUTT: No need to get your Lexus Sport Luxury Sedan painted blaze orange. Hunting from cars in Connecticut is illegal, even during deer season.

GEORGIA: Going on an intuitive hunch that teeter-totters and cars don't mix, officials in Dublin, Georgia, have made it illegal to drive through playgrounds.

ILLINOIS: Beware if you own a bicycle in Galesburg, Illinois. The police there have no tolerance for "fancy riding."

IOWA: Throw it and they (police) will come. In Mount Vernon, Iowa, it is illegal to throw your Red Ryder onto the highway.

KANSAS: In Derby, Kansas, it is considered a misdemeanor to screech your tires while driving. This abominable act can cost you 30 days in jail.

In Topeka, Kansas, it is unlawful to transport dead poultry along Kansas Avenue. Lesson: look elsewhere for a KFC.

KENTUCKY: Make sure your canine does not harbor a weird fetish for tailgate lights or trailer hitches while in Fort Thomas, Kentucky. You'll be fined if your pet molests a vehicle.

MAINE: Be careful about Jonesing for a Bavarian Cream while in South Berwick, Maine. You'll be ticketed if you park in front of Dunkin Donuts.

MARYLAND: Keep in mind while traveling through Rockville, Maryland, that the streets there are rated G. If you possess a PG-17 vocabulary, take the bypass. Swearing from a vehicle in Rockville is considered a misdemeanor.

MINNESOTA: In Minnetonka, Minnesota if you drive a truck that leaves mud, dirt or sticky substances on any road you will be considered a public nuisance that is harming the peace, safety and general welfare of the town.

MISSOURI: If you are a horn-honking hooligan you better be carrying your vehicle's bill of sale if you have the nerve to toot your horn while in University City, Missouri. Officials there have wisely made it illegal to honk the horn of someone else's car.

NEVADA: To prevent any literal interpretation of Reno's No Standing signs, authorities there have made it illegal to place a bench or chair in the middle of the road.

NEW JERSEY: Don't be feeling all fuzzy-warm about New Jersey residents if you're driving through the state with a "Honk if You Love Skippy the Kangaroo" bumper sticker soldered to your vehicle's trunk. New Jersey residents are required by law to honk before passing.

NEW YORK: Be sure to enter your vehicle feeling sartorially content while in Sag Harbor, New York. Officials there have made it illegal to disrobe while in your car.

NORTH CAROLINA: Officials in Dunn, North Carolina, apparently harbor no faith in the intuitive powers of common sense:

- First, they have made it illegal to play in traffic. So if you're a parent make sure your kids play "Candyland" on the floor of a living room rather than on the asphalt of a passing lane.
- Second, it is illegal to drive through a cemetery if you're not there to dig a grave or bury someone. So if you intend to visit the grave of a loved one bring really powerful binoculars.
- And third, even if you are considerate enough to yell "On your left," officials still deem it illegal to drive on sidewalks.

OHIO: In Canton, Ohio, people wearing roller skates cannot share the streets with cars. And yes, this applies even during the "couples only" skate.

OREGON: In Oregon you need to be not only alert for state troopers with speed guns, but also with stop watches. For you can be ticketed if you leave your car door open longer than is deemed necessary.

- You will be slapped with a Class A traffic violation if you use your car on an Oregon highway to prove your physical endurance.
- If you opt for driving on a sidewalk while in Oregon, be sure to not attract the wrath of the law by not yielding to pedestrians.

RHODE ISLAND: In Scituate, Rhode Island, it is illegal to drive with beer in your vehicle even if it is unopened. So, in other words, if you're a beer delivery driver, tough.

SOUTH CAROLINA: There's a good reason why automakers don't manufacture models named the Dodge Dumpster or the Lexus Litterbin. For in Hilton Head, South Carolina, it is illegal to store trash in your vehicle due to rat problems.

WEST VIRGINIA: Virginia may be for lovers, but West Virginia is for meat lovers. Officials in the Mountain State have deemed it perfectly legal for anyone to scavenge road kill.

TATTOOS

When my brother-in-law was on leave from the Navy, he brought home a heavily tattooed friend.

We all sat down to Sunday lunch and my four-year-old nephew couldn't take his eyes off the man's colorful arms.

Curiosity finally got the better of him. Politely, he asked the visitor "Didn't your mother give you paper to write on?"

MOTHER-IN-LAW

We were dressed and ready to go out for the New Years Eve Party. We turned on a night light, turned the answering machine on, covered our pet parakeet and put the cat in the backyard. We phoned the local cab company and requested a taxi. The taxi arrived and we opened the front door to leave the house. The cat we had put out in the yard scooted back into the house.

We didn't want the cat shut in the house because she always tries to eat the bird.

My wife went out to the taxi, while I went inside to get the cat. The cat ran upstairs, with me in hot pursuit.

Waiting in the cab, my wife didn't want the driver to know that the house would be empty for the night. So, she explained to the taxi driver that I would be out soon, "He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother."

A few minutes later, I got into the cab. "Sorry I took so long," I said as we drove away. "That stupid witch was hiding under the bed. I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off, so I grabbed her by the neck. Then, I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me. But it worked! I hauled her fat rear downstairs and threw her out into the back yard!"

The cab driver hit a parked car...

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling the story of the Good Samaritan to her class of 4 & 5 year-olds. She was making it as vivid as possible to keep the children interested in her tale.

At one point, she asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

IN THE BIBLE

Minister: Do you know what's in the Bible?

Little Girl: Yes. I think I know everything that's in it.

Minister: You do? Tell me.

Little Girl: OK. There's a picture of my brother's girlfriend, a ticket from the dry cleaners, one of my curls, and a Pizza Hut coupon.

SENTRY DUTY

A new soldier was on sentry duty at the main gate. His orders were clear. No vehicle was to enter unless it had the proper sticker on the windshield.

Now, a huge Army car came up with a General seated in the back. The sentry yelled, "Halt, who goes there?"

The chauffeur, says, "General Wheeler."

"I'm sorry, I can't let you through. You've got to have a sticker on the windshield."

The General said, "Drive on!"

The sentry said, "Hold it!" You really can't come through. I have orders to shoot if you try driving on without your sticker."

The General repeated, "I'm telling you, Corporal, drive on!"

The sentry walked up to the rear window with the gun at the ready and said, "General, I'm new at this. Do I shoot you or the driver?"

WOMEN'S INTUITION

Also known as 'woman's intuition', this sixth sense thing is no myth. Women seem to know what's going on in their man's life almost better than he does.

Why is this?

In the early 90's, researchers discovered that women have more connections between the brain's two hemispheres than men do. It's these connections that allow them to put together a puzzle from seemingly unconnectable pieces.

That, and they go through all your stuff while you're in the shower!

JURY SELECTION

An important and very well publicized murder trial was soon to begin. In preparation for the trial, the tiresome jury selection process took place, each side hotly contesting and dismissing potential jurors.

One prospective juror, Dan, was called for his question session.

He was asked, "Property holder?"

Dan replied, "Yes, I am, Your Honor."

Then he was asked, "Married or single?"

Dan responded, "Married for twenty years, Your Honor."

Then the judge asked, "Formed or expressed an opinion?"

Dan stated with certainty, "Not in twenty years, Your Honor."

DO-IT-YOURSELF TIPS FOR REAL MEN

Leak stain on ceiling: Cut a piece of plywood into a square. Nail it over the stain. Put a handle on it. Tell everyone it's the door to your attic. (Not recommended for basement apartments).

Crabgrass: In one corner of your lawn, assemble your mower, rake, shovel and weed killer. Using right index finger, dial any asphalt company. Have them come over and pave your lawn - - mower, rake, shovel and weed killer included.

Cigarette burn on rug: Cut one lemon in half. Squeeze juice into large glass of gin mixed. Add ice. Drink enough glasses of this solution until burn becomes blurry. Move couch over mark.

Dirty paint brushes: Soak brushes in pail of paint remover. Read paint remover directions carefully. Notice they say solvent should not be inhaled. Move brushes and can to airy place -- like the backyard. Notice that solvent can kill grass. Move can and brushes up off lawn onto suitable surface like, say, barbecue. Now notice that solvent is highly flammable.

Annoying drips: Don't invite them over anymore.

DIAMOND RING

An acquaintance of mine, whose daughter was about to be married, decided to give her a diamond ring that had been in the family for several generations. The stone had never been appraised, so the father asked a gemologist friend if she would take a look at it. She agreed, but said that, instead of a fee she would accept lunch at one of Houston's finer restaurants.

A few days later, as he and the gem expert sat sipping a glass of Chablis, he showed her the ring. She took out her jeweler's loupe, examined the diamond carefully and handed it back.

"Wow," said a diner who had been watching from the next table. "These Texas women are tough!"