

# Texas retail firms plan anti-blue law campaign

United Press International  
DALLAS — Decrying Texas' blue law as antiquated and arbitrary, spokesmen for 2,500 companies that operate 4,000 retail stores in Texas Thursday announced plans for a campaign to convince the Legislature to repeal the statute that prohibits sale of certain merchandise on Sunday.

Lawrence M. Turner of Kroger Co. said participating firms will urge their customers to inundate legislators with appeals for abolishing the law.

"Quite frankly we are tired of trying to explain to customers what we ourselves don't understand — why

you can buy a hammer but not nails, a blank tape but not a record, shoelaces but not shoes, or beer but not a baby bottle in Texas on Sundays," Turner said.

Lawrence said he expects additional firms to join the Retailers for Repeal of the Blue Law in coming weeks.

"We are tired of being asked to enforce a law that makes no sense, is difficult to interpret, and which most of our customers resent," Turner said.

Turner said primary emphasis of the program to spur repeal of the

law will be on mustering consumer opposition in the stores themselves.

"Our stores will carry a variety of materials designed to make it as easy as possible for customers to express their views on the law to their legislators," Turner said.

Customers will be given flyers, forms and other items to assist them in communicating their views to legislators.

Turner said his group does not want to require any store to be open on Sunday but simply to abolish restrictions that prohibit sales of certain items on Saturdays and Sundays.



Texas retail store spokesmen want customers to voice their opinions about the blue law to their legislators. A retail store spokesman said that store personnel are tired of trying to

explain the blue law to customers when they don't understand it themselves. This sign is located in Fed-Mart to inform shoppers what their limits are on Sundays.

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## American Airlines prohibits smoking

Press International  
DALLAS — Passengers on American Airlines flights no longer will be able to smoke cigars and pipes, the airline announced. "We regret having to impose the ban," said Robert W. Baker, a president of the airline, which Tuesday joined several other major carriers in instituting the ban.

"But the stringent new Civil Aeronautics Board rules on cigar pipe smoking would have been impossible to administer without causing confusion and possible delays at boarding gates and inside planes."

The CAB recently ordered airlines to restrict the use of cigars and pipes because of the inconvenience and health hazards posed to passengers and in-flight employees.

Baker said American would continue to make special smoking accommodations available in first class and coach cabins for those who want to smoke cigarettes.

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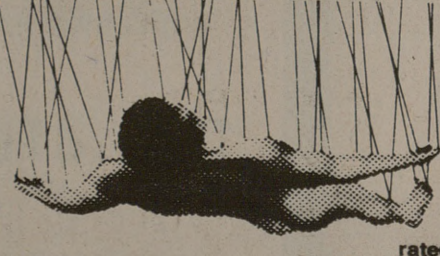
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