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Important Victory for Economic Liberty in Oregon

Damon W. Root | June 26, 2009, 4:23pm

The Cato Institute's Ilya Shapiro notes some **very good news from Oregon**:

[Y]esterday Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski signed HB 2817—a bill that eliminates the cartelization of the moving business in the Beaver state.

The old law required the Oregon Department of Transportation to notify existing moving companies of businesses that wanted to enter into their market. What's more, those companies were given a veto over the would-be market entrants thereby locking out all competition to maintain artificially high prices—all with the government's help.

The owner of a new moving company, Adam Sweet, enlisted the help of Pacific Legal Foundation lawyer and Cato adjunct scholar Tim Sandefur to litigate against the old law. That lawsuit, once it cleared challenges for dismissal, prompted several pieces of legislation that culminated into the bill that the governor signed yesterday.

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And Michael Jackson died!

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You got my hopes up that the state finally rescinded [its ban on self-service at gas stations](#); alas, it hasn't.

Brandon | June 26, 2009, 5:14pm | #

If I had the nerve to get off my ass, navigate the hellacious application process and rack up gonzo student loan debt, this is what I would do with my life. Get a JD, link up with a libertarian legal group and take statists to court.

But alas, here I am at dead end job at 5:13 on a Friday, surfing reason.

Rhywun | June 26, 2009, 11:52pm | #

Yeah we saw this already but actually I prefer individual threads for each topic. I hate "link roundups"--it makes the conversation thereafter more confused and inhibits comments. I'd ditch the "Morning Links" thing if I was running the show.

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