

Tax on Amazon purchases in Calif. begins Saturday

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(AP)—Online retailer Amazon.com has tried to become all things to all consumers, but in California, it is about to take on a role it fought against for years: tax collector.

The change, which takes effect this weekend, comes after years of bitter back and forth between the world's largest online mall and the California Legislature over whether [Internet retailers](#) should have to impose sales taxes on customers. The two sides reached a deal in 2011 that included a one-year grace period set to end Saturday.

The looming deadline has spurred at least some consumers into impulse-buying mode, making big-ticket purchases and stocking up on essentials before the tax collection kicks in.

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