

Nevada's driving while on the phone ban takes effect Oct. 1

Senate Bill 140, which was passed this year by the Nevada Legislature and signed by Gov. Brian Sandoval, goes into effect Oct. 1. The law prohibits the use of a cellular phone or other handheld wireless communications device while operating a motor vehicle in certain circumstances.

This is a primary law which means that officers do not need to observe a separate violation before initiating a traffic enforcement stop.

To help educate the motoring public and to create as much awareness about this important law, traffic enforcement officers who observe this violation may initiate a traffic stop; however, no citations for using this handheld device may be issued until Jan. 1, 2012.