

Nevadans wake up to new rules to live by

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CARSON CITY – The crackdown starts today on motorists who use their cellphones while on the road, and the state starts planning to inspect boats for a fee to keep Nevada waters clear of such invasive species such as quagga mussels and algae known as rock snot.

Law enforcement is developing a system to quickly find people with Alzheimer's disease or dementia who wander away from their residences or rest homes.

The mining industry will lose \$48 million over the biennium in tax deductions it enjoyed.

Those are just some of the 32 bills passed by the 2011 Legislature that become law in full or in part on Jan. 1.

The bill to prohibit drivers from using cellphones became effective in Oct. 1, but law enforcement authorities could only issue warnings until today. Now, a motorist caught using a phone will face a \$50 fine for the first offense. The second offense carries a \$100 fine and the third a \$250 penalty.

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