



New laws take effect today in Connecticut



(WTNH, October 1, 2006 7:00 AM)_ More than one hundred new laws on the books, including some that crackdown on underage drinking and drunk driving. The new laws took effect at midnight.

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Just because you're not in a car, doesn't mean you can't get arrested for drunk driving.



One of the new laws that took effect at midnight involves all terrain vehicles and snowmobiles.

If you're drunk while operating an ATV or snowmobile in Connecticut, you can now get a DUI.

The state is also cracking down on underage drinkers, and their parents.



It's known as the House Party Law. Any adult who provides alcohol to an underage party can be fined, and put in prison for up to a year.

Let's say a parent doesn't provide the alcohol, but knows alcohol is present at a party in their home, they can still get fined and be put in jail for up to a year.

Also, anyone under 21 who is drinking in a public place, including a club, will be fined between \$200 and \$500.

Also starting today, grandparents must be notified within 15 days if a child is taken away from their parents by the Department of Children and Families.

Reporters can't be forced to reveal a confidential source in court.

All cars sold or leased in the state starting in 2009 will have to have a label that includes information about its Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

And, there's an addition to the law about street racing that makes it illegal for anyone to own a car for the purpose of street racing, or for anyone to act as the starter, timekeeper, judge, or

even a spectator at an illegal street racing event.

All of these laws take effect today.

For more information on the new laws, click on to: <http://cslib.org/06actsOct.htm>



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