

From shark fins to drones: New laws in 2014

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State legislatures passed thousands of new laws in 2013, many of which go into effect this week. These laws address a variety of issues: from guns and voting to drones and tanning. Here's a look at some of the most interesting and noteworthy new laws going into effect across the country in 2014.

1. [In Connecticut](#), under a new law which was passed in response to the massacre in Sandy Hook Elementary school, all assault weapons and large-capacity magazines bought before April 2013 must now be registered with state authorities.
2. [Colorado became the first state to legalize recreational marijuana](#) use -- perhaps the most talked-about new law of 2014 -- starting on Jan. 1. While Colorado stores have already begun selling marijuana, it isn't the only state with new drug laws. Washington [has also legalized recreational marijuana use](#), and Illinois has legalized medical marijuana.
3. Illinois passed a law that prohibits drone-use that interferes with hunters or fisherman. This law was passed after PETA called for the use of "[Air Angel](#)" drones to monitor "hunters engaging in illegal activity." [Another new law in the state](#) prohibits state law enforcement from using drones to gather information without a warrant.
4. There's now a bigger fine for planning violent flash mobs on social media in [Illinois](#).
5. In Oregon, [it's now legal for mothers to take their placentas home from the hospital after childbirth](#).
6. [It's now illegal to sell](#), distribute or possess shark fins in Delaware.
7. [Tanning beds are now off limits](#) for teens under the age of 18, even if they have parental permission, in Illinois.
8. In California, [the paparazzi will face tougher penalties](#) for harassing celebrities and their children. The new law was backed by actresses Jennifer Garner and Halle Berry.
9. A [new California law](#) requires schools to allow transgender students to use restrooms and play on sports teams according to the gender they identify with.
10. Arkansas [now requires voters](#) to show photo ids at polling places.