HOUSE BILL NO. 328

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT BY SECURITY OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE PEARL RIVER VALLEY WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT ON ROADS AND STREETS OF PROPERTY OWNED BY OR UNDER THE JURISDICTION OR CONTROL OF THE DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. Section 63-3-519, Mississippi Code of 1972, is amended as follows:

63-3-519. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or peace officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:

(a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more upon the public streets of the municipality;

(b) By any college or university campus police force within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand (2,000) students are enrolled;

(c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally designated highways lying within the corporate limits; and

(d) By security officers appointed under Article 5, Chapter 9, Title 51, Mississippi Code of 1972, by the Board of Directors of the Pearl River Valley Water Supply District on roads and streets located on property owned by or under the jurisdiction or control of the district.
(2) The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall not set up radar on highways within municipalities with a population in excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest federal census.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2001.