

By: Representative Nicholson

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1617

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITHIN THE  
3 BOUNDARIES OF ANY INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY IN WHICH IS LOCATED A  
4 PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO USE RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT  
5 UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR RELATED  
6 PURPOSES.

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

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

10 63-3-519. (1) It is unlawful for any person or peace  
11 officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway  
12 Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of  
13 radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or  
14 highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:

15 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within the  
16 boundaries of any incorporated municipality in which is located a  
17 public community college upon the public streets of the  
18 municipality;

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

22 (c) By any college or university campus police force  
23 within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand  
24 (2,000) students are enrolled; and

25 (d) By municipal law enforcement officers in any  
26 municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand  
27 (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally  
28 designated highways lying within the corporate limits.



29           (2) The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall not set up  
30 radar on highways within municipalities with a population in  
31 excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest  
32 federal census.

33           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
34 and after July 1, 2002.

