

By: Representative Cameron

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 435

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS AND THEIR DEPUTIES IN ANY COUNTY HAVING A  
3 POPULATION OF MORE THAN FIFTY THOUSAND TO USE RADAR SPEED  
4 DETECTION EQUIPMENT UPON CERTAIN PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS AND  
5 HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY LYING OUTSIDE THE LIMITS OF ANY  
6 INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR RELATED 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 a  
16 municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more  
17 upon the public streets of the municipality;

18 (b) By any college or university campus police force  
19 within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand  
20 (2,000) students are enrolled;

21 (c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any  
22 municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand  
23 (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally  
24 designated highways lying within the corporate limits; and

25 (d) By the sheriff and his deputies on public roads,  
26 streets or highways outside the corporate limits of a municipality  
27 located in a county having a population of more than fifty  
28 thousand (50,000) according to the latest federal decennial  
29 census. However, radar speed detection equipment may be used only



30 on county roads that the sheriff determines to have experienced  
31 high incidents of speeding.

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

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
37 and after July 1, 2003.

