

By: Representative Martinson

To: Transportation

## HOUSE BILL NO. 491

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF AND HIS DEPUTIES IN ANY COUNTY HAVING A  
3 POPULATION OF SEVENTY THOUSAND OR MORE TO USE RADAR SPEED  
4 DETECTION EQUIPMENT UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS AND HIGHWAYS OF  
5 THE COUNTY LYING OUTSIDE OF THE LIMITS OF ANY INCORPORATED  
6 MUNICIPALITY; TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM POPULATION REQUIREMENTS OF  
7 MUNICIPALITIES WHOSE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO  
8 USE RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT ON FEDERALLY DESIGNATED  
9 HIGHWAYS LYING WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS; AND FOR RELATED  
10 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

19 (a) 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 (b) 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;

25 (c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any  
26 municipality having a population in excess of fourteen thousand  
27 (14,000) according to the latest federal census on federally  
28 designated highways lying within the corporate limits; and

29 (d) By the sheriff and deputy sheriffs of any county  
30 having a population of seventy thousand (70,000) or more,  
31 according to the latest federal decennial census, upon the public

32 streets, roads and highways of the county lying outside of the  
33 limits of any incorporated municipality.

34 (2) The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall not set up  
35 radar on highways within municipalities with a population in  
36 excess of fourteen thousand (14,000) according to the latest  
37 federal census.

38 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
39 and after July 1, 2004.