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To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 854

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE SHERIFFS AND THEIR DEPUTIES TO USE RADAR SPEED
3 DETECTION DEVICES ON THE PUBLIC ROADS, STREETS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN
4 CERTAIN COUNTIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 63-3-519. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or peace
9 officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway
10 Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of
11 radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or
12 highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:

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

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

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

23 (d) By the sheriff and his deputies on any public road,
24 street or highway outside the corporate limits of a municipality
25 located in a county having a population of sixty-five thousand
26 (65,000) or more according to the latest federal decennial census.

27 (2) The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall not set up
28 radar on highways within municipalities with a population in

29 excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest
30 federal census.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
32 and after July 1, 2005.