

By: Representative Baker

To: Transportation;
Appropriations

HOUSE BILL NO. 707

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE, UPON APPROVAL OF A COUNTY'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
3 THE SHERIFF AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS TO USE RADAR SPEED DETECTION
4 EQUIPMENT UPON ANY PUBLIC ROAD, STREET OR HIGHWAY WITHIN THE
5 COUNTY, EXCLUDING ANY INTERSTATE HIGHWAY, LYING OUTSIDE OF THE
6 CORPORATE LIMITS OF ANY INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY; TO PROVIDE THAT
7 FINES COLLECTED BY A COUNTY FROM THE USE OF RADAR SHALL BE
8 DEPOSITED INTO A SPECIAL FUND TO BE APPROPRIATED BY THE
9 LEGISLATURE FOR MAINTENANCE, RECONSTRUCTION AND/OR REPAIR OF
10 EXISTING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES; AND FOR RELATED 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. It shall be 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
20 a municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more
21 according to the latest federal decennial census upon the public
22 streets of the municipality;



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

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

30 (d) In any county whose board of supervisors has voted
31 to authorize, upon a majority vote spread upon its minutes, by the
32 sheriff and deputy sheriffs on any public road, street or highway
33 within the county, excluding any interstate highway, that is
34 located outside the corporate limits of any incorporated
35 municipality. The fines collected under this paragraph (d) shall
36 be remitted to the State Treasury and shall be deposited into a
37 segregated highway and bridge special fund to be appropriated by
38 the Legislature exclusively for the maintenance, reconstruction
39 and/or repair of existing highways and bridges by and/or through
40 the Mississippi Department of Transportation.

41 The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol will not set up radar
42 on highways within municipalities with a population in excess of
43 fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest federal
44 decennial census.

45 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
46 and after July 1, 2018.

