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To: Judiciary B

## HOUSE BILL NO. 570

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 100,000 OR MORE TO USE RADAR SPEED DETECTION  
4 EQUIPMENT UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE  
5 COUNTY, LYING OUTSIDE THE LIMITS OF ANY INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY,  
6 AND EXCLUDING ANY INTERSTATE HIGHWAY; TO FORBID THE LEVY OF ANY  
7 FINE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A CITATION WHERE A DRIVER IS  
8 DETECTED TO HAVE BEEN TRAVELING IN EXCESS OF THE POSTED SPEED  
9 LIMIT, AS DETECTED BY THE SHERIFF OR HIS DEPUTIES THROUGH THE USE  
10 OF RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT; 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 upon the public streets of the municipality;



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

25           \* \* \* (c) 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           (d) By the sheriff and deputy sheriffs of any  
30 county having a population of one-hundred thousand (100,000) or  
31 more according to the 2010 federal decennial census, on any public  
32 road, street or highway within the county, excluding any  
33 interstate highway, which is located outside the corporate limits  
34 of any incorporated municipality. However, no fine shall be  
35 levied in association with the issuance of a citation resulting  
36 from a speeding violation detected by a sheriff or deputy sheriff  
37 through the use of radar speed detection equipment under this  
38 section.

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

42           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
43 and after its passage.

