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To: Judiciary B;
Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 557

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF AND HIS DEPUTIES IN ANY COUNTY TO USE
3 RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS AND
4 HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY LYING OUTSIDE OF THE LIMITS OF ANY
5 INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

14 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a
15 municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more,
16 according to the latest federal decennial census, upon the public
17 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 decennial census on
24 federally designated highways lying within the corporate
25 limits * * *; or

26 (d) By the sheriff and his deputies in any county on
27 any public road, street or highway (i) that is under the
28 jurisdiction of the county board of supervisors for maintenance
29 and construction, and (ii) that is located outside the corporate
30 limits of a municipality.

31 (2) The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall be
32 immediately notified by municipal law enforcement of any road
33 blockages or emergencies occurring on any federally designated
34 limited-access highways lying within the corporate limits.

35 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
36 and after July 1, 2022.

