

By: Representative McGee

To: Transportation; County
Affairs

HOUSE BILL NO. 1377

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 17-25-19, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL GOVERNING AUTHORITIES TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE FOR
3 AUTOMATED RECORDING EQUIPMENT OR SYSTEM TO BE USED TO ENFORCE
4 COMPLIANCE WITH TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND TRAFFIC SPEEDS IN DESIGNATED
5 SCHOOL ZONES DURING ONLY THE SPECIFIED MONTHS, DAYS AND TIMES FOR
6 WHICH THE SCHOOL SPEED LIMITS ARE EFFECTIVE; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 17-25-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 17-25-19. (1) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of
12 this subsection (1), neither the board of supervisors of any
13 county nor the governing authority of any municipality shall
14 adopt, enact or enforce any ordinance authorizing the use of
15 automated recording equipment or system to enforce compliance with
16 traffic signals, traffic speeds or other traffic laws, rules or
17 regulations on any public street, road or highway within this
18 state or to impose or collect any civil or criminal fine, fee or
19 penalty for any such violation.



20 (b) Any county or municipality using automated
21 recording equipment or system shall remove the equipment or system
22 before October 1, 2009.

23 (c) The board of supervisors or any county or the
24 governing authority of any municipality may adopt, enact and
25 enforce an ordinance authorizing the use of automated recording
26 equipment or system to enforce compliance with traffic signals,
27 traffic speeds or the traffic law, rules or regulations in the
28 vicinity of a school as provided under Section 63-3-515; however,
29 the automated recording equipment or system may only be operated
30 on the specified months, days and times for which the school speed
31 zone provided under Section 63-3-515 is effective. In addition to
32 authorizing the automated recording equipment or system to enforce
33 compliance in accordance with this paragraph (c), the ordinance
34 may provide for the imposition or collection of a civil or
35 criminal fine, fee or penalty for any such violation.

36 (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "automated
37 recording equipment or system" means a camera or optical device
38 installed to work in conjunction with a traffic control signal or
39 radar speed detection equipment, or both, and designed to record
40 images that depict the license plate attached to the rear of a
41 motor vehicle that is not operated in compliance with instructions
42 of the traffic control signal or the posted speed limit.

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

