

By: Representatives Rushing, Stamps

To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 454

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT BY  
3 MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN ANY MUNICIPALITY WHERE THE  
4 COUNTY SEAT IS LOCATED IN THE MUNICIPALITY AND WHERE THERE IS  
5 LOCATED A PUBLIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN SUCH MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR  
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

15 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a  
16 municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more  
17 according to the latest or a previous federal census upon the  
18 public streets of the municipality, but in no case where the  
19 latest federal census population for the municipality is less than  
20 one thousand five hundred (1,500);



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

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

28 (d) By municipal law enforcement officers upon the  
29 public streets of any incorporated municipality (i) where the  
30 county seat is located in the municipality and (ii) where there is  
31 a public community college located in the municipality.

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

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

