

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.

