

By: Representative Busby

To: Local and Private
Legislation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1694

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF
2 PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI, TO UTILIZE AUTOMATED RECORDING EQUIPMENT
3 OR SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY TO ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH CERTAIN
4 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES MAY
5 IMPOSE OR COLLECT ANY CIVIL OR CRIMINAL FINE, FEE OR PENALTY FOR
6 ANY VIOLATION OF SUCH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** As used in this act, the following terms have the
10 meanings ascribed to them in this section unless the context
11 clearly indicates otherwise:

12 (a) "City" means the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

13 (b) "Governing authorities" means the mayor and city
14 council of the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi.

15 (c) "Automated recording equipment or system" means a
16 camera or optical device installed to work in conjunction with a
17 traffic control signal or radar speed detection equipment, or
18 both, and designed to record images that depict the license plate
19 attached to the rear of a motor vehicle that is not operated in



20 compliance with instructions of the traffic control signal or the
21 posted speed limit.

22 **SECTION 2.** (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section
23 17-25-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, the governing authorities of
24 the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, are authorized to adopt,
25 enact or enforce any ordinance authorizing the use of automated
26 recording equipment or system to enforce compliance with traffic
27 signals, traffic speeds or other traffic laws, rules or
28 regulations on any public street within the city and may impose or
29 collect any civil or criminal fine, fee or penalty for any such
30 violation.

31 (2) Before the installation of any such automated recording
32 equipment or system, the governing authorities of the city shall
33 hold a public hearing regarding the use of such equipment or
34 system. After the public hearing, the governing authorities shall
35 adopt a resolution approving or disapproving the installation and
36 utilization of such equipment or system within the city.

37 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
38 and after its passage.

