

By: Senator(s) McLendon, England

To: Judiciary, Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2300

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF AND HIS DEPUTIES IN ANY COUNTY HAVING A
 3 POPULATION OF 140,000 OR MORE TO USE RADAR SPEED DETECTION
 4 EQUIPMENT UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE
 5 COUNTY, LYING OUTSIDE THE LIMITS OF ANY INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY,
 6 AND EXCLUDING ANY INTERSTATE HIGHWAY; TO FORBID THE LEVY OF ANY
 7 FINE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A CITATION WHERE A DRIVER IS
 8 DETECTED TO HAVE BEEN TRAVELING IN EXCESS OF THE POSTED SPEED
 9 LIMIT, AS DETECTED BY THE SHERIFF OR HIS DEPUTIES THROUGH THE USE
 10 OF RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

19 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a
 20 municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more
 21 according to the latest or a previous federal census upon the
 22 public streets of the municipality, but in no case where the



23 latest federal census population for the municipality is less than
24 one thousand five hundred (1,500);

25 (b) By any college or university campus police force
26 within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand
27 (2,000) students are enrolled;

28 (c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any
29 municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand
30 (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally
31 designated highways lying within the corporate limits * * *;

32 (d) By the sheriff and deputy sheriffs of any county
33 having a population of one hundred forty thousand (140,000) or
34 more according to the 2020 federal decennial census, on any public
35 county road or highway within the county, excluding any interstate
36 or state highway, which is located outside the corporate limits of
37 any incorporated municipality. Under this paragraph (d):

38 (i) Each sheriff's department shall not purchase
39 more than two (2) radar guns;

40 (ii) Each sheriff's department shall not use radar
41 within five hundred (500) yards of:

42 1. The boundary line of a municipality;

43 2. The boundary line of the county; and

44 3. A speed limit change; and

45 (iii) Any funds received in association with the
46 issuance of a citation resulting from a speeding violation
47 detected by a sheriff or deputy sheriff through the use of radar



48 speed detection equipment under this paragraph shall be used by
49 the school district only for school safety purposes in the school
50 district where the violation was detected, to include, but not be
51 limited to, school resource officers.

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

56 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
57 and after July 1, 2023.

