

By: Representatives Hale, Hall, Keen, McCray To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1134

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF AND HIS DEPUTIES IN ANY COUNTY TO USE
3 RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS AND
4 HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY LYING OUTSIDE OF THE LIMITS OF ANY
5 INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN MEASURES MAY BE
6 TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY IF CERTAIN ABUSE IS
7 REPORTED CONCERNING THE USE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT; AND FOR RELATED
8 PURPOSES.

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

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

12 63-3-519. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or peace
13 officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway
14 Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of
15 radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or
16 highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:

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



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

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

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

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

34 (e) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of this
35 section, by the sheriff and his deputies of any county on any
36 public road, street or highway under the jurisdiction of the
37 county, which road, street or highway is located outside the
38 corporate limits of a municipality.

39 (2) (a) The board of supervisors of any county, in its
40 discretion by order duly adopted and entered upon its minutes, may
41 authorize the use of radar speed detection devices by the sheriff
42 and his deputies on county roads, streets and highways as
43 described under paragraph (1) (e) of this section.

44 (b) If the Department of Public Safety determines that
45 the authority granted under this subsection is being abused after



46 such purported abuse is reported and investigated by the
47 department, then the commissioner of the department is authorized
48 to notify the county of such abuse and the radar speed detection
49 devices may be removed from the offending sheriff and his
50 deputies.

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

55 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
56 and after July 1, 2024.

