

By: Senator(s) McLendon

To: Highways and
Transportation; Judiciary,
Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2504

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 WITHIN THE COUNTY, LYING OUTSIDE THE LIMITS OF ANY
5 INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY; TO EXCLUDE ANY INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS OR
6 FOUR-LANE STATE HIGHWAYS FROM RADAR DETECTION BY SHERIFFS; TO
7 PROVIDE FOR THE NUMBER OF RADAR GUNS ELIGIBLE FOR PURCHASE BY A
8 COUNTY BASED ON THE NUMBER OF FULLTIME DEPUTIES IN THE COUNTY; TO
9 PROHIBIT THE USE OF RADAR WITHIN 500 YARDS OF THE BOUNDARY LINE OF
10 A MUNICIPALITY, THE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE COUNTY AND A SPEED LIMIT
11 CHANGE; TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN FUNDS SHALL BE DIRECTED TO THE
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE THE CITATION WAS ISSUED TO BE USED FOR
13 SCHOOL SAFETY PURPOSES AND DRIVER'S EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND FOR
14 RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

23 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a
24 municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more



25 according to the latest or a previous federal census upon the
26 public streets of the municipality, but in no case where the
27 latest federal census population for the municipality is less than
28 one thousand five hundred (1,500);

29 (b) By any college or university campus police force
30 within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand
31 (2,000) students are enrolled;

32 (c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any
33 municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand
34 (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally
35 designated highways lying within the corporate limits * * *;

36 (d) By municipal law enforcement officers upon the
37 public streets of any incorporated municipality (i) where the
38 county seat is located in the municipality and (ii) where there is
39 a public community college located in the municipality * * *; and

40 (e) By the sheriff and deputy sheriffs of any county on
41 any public county road or highway within the county, excluding any
42 interstate or any four-lane state highway, which is located
43 outside the corporate limits of any incorporated municipality.

44 Under this paragraph (e):

45 (i) Each sheriff's department with:

46 1. One (1) to ten (10) fulltime deputies
47 shall not purchase more than one (1) radar gun;

48 2. Eleven (11) to twenty-five (25) fulltime
49 deputies shall not purchase more than two (2) radar guns;



50 3. Twenty-six (26) to fifty (50) fulltime
51 deputies shall not purchase more than three (3) radar guns;

52 4. Fifty-one (51) to one hundred (100)
53 fulltime deputies shall not purchase more than four (4) radar
54 guns; and

55 5. More than one hundred (100) fulltime
56 deputies shall not purchase more than five (5) radar guns.

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

59 1. The boundary line of a municipality;

60 2. The boundary line of the county; and

61 3. A speed limit change; and

62 (iii) Any funds received in association with a
63 speeding violation detected by a sheriff or deputy sheriff through
64 the use of radar speed detection equipment under this paragraph
65 that would otherwise have returned to the county shall be
66 deposited into the fund of the school district in which the
67 citation was issued. Such funds may be used by the school
68 district for:

69 1. School safety purposes, including school
70 resource officers; and

71 2. Driver's education programs.

72 The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall be immediately
73 notified by municipal law enforcement of any road blockages or



74 emergencies occurring on any federally designated limited-access
75 highways lying within the corporate limits.

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

