

By: Senator(s) McLendon

To: Highways and  
Transportation; Judiciary,  
Division B

SENATE BILL NO. 2632

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

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

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

19 63-3-519. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person or peace  
 20 officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway  
 21 Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of  
 22 radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or  
 23 highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:



24 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a  
25 municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more  
26 according to the latest or a previous federal census upon the  
27 public streets of the municipality, but in no case where the  
28 latest federal census population for the municipality is less than  
29 one thousand five hundred (1,500);

30 (b) By any college or university campus police force  
31 within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand  
32 (2,000) students are enrolled;

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

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

41 (e) By the sheriff and deputy sheriffs of any county on  
42 any public county road or highway within the county which is  
43 located outside the corporate limits of any incorporated  
44 municipality until July 1, 2026. Under this paragraph (e):

45 (i) Each sheriff's department with:

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



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

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

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

55                   5. More than one hundred (100) full-time  
56 deputies shall not purchase more than five (5) radar guns; and

57                   (ii) Each sheriff's department shall not use radar  
58 speed detection equipment 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) Each sheriff's department shall not use  
63 radar speed detection equipment on any interstate or any four-lane  
64 state highway; and

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



72                                    1. School safety purposes, including school  
73 resource officers; and

74                                    2. Driver's education programs.

75            (2) The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall be  
76 immediately notified by municipal or county law enforcement of any  
77 road blockages or emergencies occurring on any federally  
78 designated limited-access highways lying within the corporate or  
79 county limits.

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

