

By: Representative Holland

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 737

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF RADAR SPEED DETECTION DEVICES BY ANY LAW
3 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER ON THAT PORTION OF A PUBLIC HIGHWAY, ROAD OR
4 STREET WITHIN THE OFFICER'S JURISDICTION DESIGNATED AS A SCHOOL
5 ZONE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

9 63-3-519. (1) It is unlawful for any person or peace
10 officer or law enforcement agency, except the Mississippi Highway
11 Safety Patrol, to purchase or use or allow to be used any type of
12 radar speed detection equipment upon any public street, road or
13 highway of this state. However, such equipment may be used:

14 (a) By municipal law enforcement officers within a
15 municipality having a population of two thousand (2,000) or more
16 upon the public streets of the municipality;

17 (b) By any college or university campus police force
18 within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand
19 (2,000) students are enrolled;

20 (c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any
21 municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand
22 (15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally
23 designated highways lying within the corporate limits; and

24 (d) By any duly sworn law enforcement officer on that
25 portion of a public highway, road or street within the officer's
26 jurisdiction designated by signage as a school zone and giving
27 warning to motorists by the appearance of flashing lights that
28 speed within the school zone may be enforced with the use of

29 radar. The location of school zone signage shall be determined by
30 agreement of the trustees of the school district and law
31 enforcement officials.

32 (2) The Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol shall not set up
33 radar on highways within municipalities with a population in
34 excess of fifteen thousand (15,000) according to the latest
35 federal census.

36 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
37 and after July 1, 2005.