

By: Representative Malone

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 141

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY THE MISSISSIPPI
3 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENFORCE SPEED LIMITS FOR
4 COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES HAVING A GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT GREATER
5 THAN TEN THOUSAND POUNDS ON HIGHWAYS AND ROADS ON THE DESIGNATED
6 STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

18 (b) By any college or university campus police force
19 within the confines of any campus wherein more than two thousand
20 (2,000) students are enrolled;

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

25 (d) By law enforcement officers employed by the
26 Mississippi Department of Transportation to enforce speed limits
27 for commercial motor vehicles having a gross vehicle weight
28 greater than Ten Thousand (10,000) pounds on highways and roads on
29 the designated state highway system.

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

34 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
35 and after July 1, 2006.