

By: Representative Baker (74th)

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 13

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
 2 TO AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF AND HIS DEPUTIES IN CERTAIN COUNTIES TO  
 3 USE RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS  
 4 AND HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY LYING OUTSIDE OF THE LIMITS OF ANY  
 5 INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITY; TO PROVIDE THAT FINES COLLECTED FOR  
 6 SPEEDING VIOLATIONS RESULTING FROM THE USE OF RADAR SPEED  
 7 DETECTION EQUIPMENT BY THE SHERIFF OR DEPUTY SHERIFFS IN SUCH  
 8 COUNTIES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SUCH COSTS AS THE COUNTY INCURS IN  
 9 THE PURCHASE AND USE OF RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT, SHALL BE  
 10 FORWARDED TO THE STATE TREASURER AND DEPOSITED INTO THE STATE  
 11 GENERAL FUND; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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; and

30 (d) (i) By the sheriff and deputy sheriffs of any of  
 31 the following counties upon the public streets, roads and highways



32 of the county lying outside of the limits of any incorporated  
33 municipality:

34 1. Any county having a population in excess  
35 of one hundred seven thousand (107,000) according to the latest  
36 federal decennial census and in which Interstate 55 and  
37 Mississippi Highway 302 intersect;

38 2. Any county having a population in excess  
39 of seventy-four thousand (74,000) according to the latest federal  
40 decennial census and in which Interstate 55 and Mississippi  
41 Highway 16 intersect; and

42 3. Any county having a population in excess  
43 of one hundred fifteen thousand (115,000) according to the latest  
44 federal decennial census and in which Interstate 20 and U.S.  
45 Highway 49 intersect.

46 (ii) All fines collected for motor vehicle  
47 speeding violations resulting from the use of radar speed  
48 detection equipment as authorized under paragraph (d)(i) of this  
49 subsection (1), with the exception of such costs as the county  
50 incurs in the purchase and use of radar speed detection equipment  
51 by the sheriff's department of the county, shall be forwarded to  
52 the State Treasurer and deposited into the State General Fund.

53 (iii) Paragraph (d) of this subsection (1) shall  
54 stand repealed from and after October 1, 2011.

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

59 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
60 and after July 1, 2007.

