

By: Representative Turner

To: Transportation;
Municipalities

HOUSE BILL NO. 35

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO AUTHORIZE RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT TO BE USED UNDER
3 CERTAIN CONDITIONS BY MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON
4 PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY THAT
5 ARE MARKED OR DESIGNATED AS A SCHOOL ZONE; AND FOR RELATED
6 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 in 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 municipal law enforcement officers, regardless
26 of the population of the municipality, on any public street, road
27 or highway within the municipality that is marked or designated as
28 a school zone whenever school is in session or whenever school

29 activities or school events are taking place or being conducted
30 along or near such location.

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

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