MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION 2021

By: Representative Harness

To: Transportation;
Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 1249

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 63-3-519, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO DELETE THE POPULATION THRESHOLD FOR MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO USE RADAR SPEED DETECTION EQUIPMENT UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE MUNICIPALITY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

*** * ***(a) By municipal law enforcement officers *** * *** upon the public streets of the municipality;

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

*** * ***(c) By municipal law enforcement officers in any municipality having a population in excess of fifteen thousand

(15,000) according to the latest federal census on federally designated highways lying within the corporate limits.

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

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2021.

ST: Radar; delete population threshold for municipal law enforcement to use on public streets of municipality.