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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1424** Session of  
1977

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INTRODUCED BY DOYLE, BURNS, CIMINI, O'KEEFE, RITTER, SCIRICA,  
WAGNER, KERNICK, ABRAHAM, MEBUS AND E. Z. TAYLOR,  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 28, 1977

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for the use of radio-microwave  
3 speed timing devices and providing for disposition of certain  
4 fees.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Sections 3368(c) and 6505(b) of Title 75, act of  
8 November 25, 1970 (P.L.707, No.230), known as the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes, added June 17, 1976 (P.L.162, No.81), are  
10 amended and subsections are added to section 3368 to read:

11 § 3368. Speed timing devices.

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13 (c) Mechanical, electrical and electronic devices  
14 authorized.--

15 (1) The rate of speed of any vehicle may be timed on any  
16 highway by a police officer using a mechanical or electrical  
17 speed timing device.

18 (2) Electronic devices such as radio-microwave devices

(commonly referred to as electronic speed meters or radar) may be used [only] by members of the Pennsylvania State Police and any full-time officer of any municipal police force on any highway within its jurisdiction except on interstate highways. No person may be convicted upon evidence obtained through the use of such devices unless the speed recorded is six or more miles per hour in excess of the legal speed limit.

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(e) Police training for electronic devices.--Police officers operating electronic devices such as radio-microwave devices shall be trained in the use of the devices in a uniform course of instruction prescribed by the Pennsylvania State Police.

(f) Disposition of certain fines.--Any fines or penalties levied as a result of local police action involving the use of radio-microwave devices shall be forwarded to the Department of Revenue, transmitted to the State Treasury and credited to the Motor License Fund.

§ 6505. Disposition of fines and forfeitures.

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(b) Local police enforcement in general.--When prosecution under the provisions of this title, except for parking is the result of local police action, one-half of all fines and penalties and all bail forfeited shall be paid to the political subdivision under which the local police are organized and one-half to the Department of Revenue, transmitted to the State Treasury and credited to the Motor License Fund, except as provided by section 3368(f) (relating to speed timing devices).

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days or July 1,

1 1977, whichever is later.