

1-1 By: Harper-Brown, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Shapiro) H.B. No. 1116
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2011;
1-3 April 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 17, 2011, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 17, 2011,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to prohibiting the sale and use of certain radar
1-10 interference devices; creating an offense.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter K, Chapter 547, Transportation Code,
1-13 is amended by adding Section 547.616 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 547.616. RADAR INTERFERENCE DEVICES; OFFENSE. (a) In
1-15 this section, "radar interference device" means a device, a
1-16 mechanism, an instrument, or equipment that is designed,
1-17 manufactured, used, or intended to be used to interfere with,
1-18 scramble, disrupt, or otherwise cause to malfunction a radar or
1-19 laser device used to measure the speed of a motor vehicle by a law
1-20 enforcement agency of this state or a political subdivision of this
1-21 state, including a "radar jamming device," "jammer," "scrambler,"
1-22 or "diffuser." The term does not include a ham radio, band radio,
1-23 or similar electronic device.

1-24 (b) A person, other than a law enforcement officer in the
1-25 discharge of the officer's official duties, may not use, attempt to
1-26 use, install, operate, or attempt to operate a radar interference
1-27 device in a motor vehicle operated by the person.

1-28 (c) A person may not purchase, sell, or offer for sale a
1-29 radar interference device to be used in a manner described by
1-30 Subsection (b).

1-31 (d) A person who violates this section commits an
1-32 offense. An offense under this subsection is a Class C
1-33 misdemeanor.

1-34 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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