

# ATTENTION COMMERCIAL VEHICLE DRIVERS with **Radar Detectors**



Many commercial vehicle drivers illegally employ radar detectors aboard commercial vehicles. Since the enactment of the Federal and State statute that makes radar detectors in \*commercial motor vehicles illegal, many myths and questions have arisen concerning the use of these devices. The following information is provided in an effort to clarify this issue.

## RADAR DETECTORS; USE AND/OR POSSESSION (Title 49 CFR, 392.71)

- (a) No driver shall use a radar detector in a commercial motor vehicle, or operate a commercial motor vehicle that is equipped with or contains any radar detector.
- (b) No motor carrier shall require or permit a driver to violate paragraph (a) of this section.

\*CMV DEFINITION:\*(390.5): Any self propelled or towed vehicle used on the public highways in commerce to transport passengers or property when the vehicle: (1) Has a gross vehicle weight rating ( GVWR ) or gross combination weight rating ( GCWR ), or gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight of 10,001 or more, whichever is greater; or (2) Is designed or used to transport more than 8 passengers ( including the driver ) for compensation; or (3) Is designed or used to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver, and is not used to transport passengers for compensation; or (4) Is used in transporting hazardous material in a quantity requiring the use of hazardous material warning placards.



NOTE: This statute is a State and Federal law, which allows for civil and/or criminal prosecution of the commercial vehicle driver as well as the motor carrier.



A Safety Message from Project P.I.E.  
(Public Information & Education)  
FACT SHEET #021  
Georgia Department of Public Safety  
Motor Carrier Compliance Division  
P.O. Box 1456  
Atlanta, GA 30371-1456  
(404) 624-7211 [www.dps.georgia.gov](http://www.dps.georgia.gov)