

M.R. 3140

**IN THE  
SUPREME COURT  
OF  
THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**

Order entered June 11, 2014.

(Deleted material is struck through and new material is underscored.)

Effective July 1, 2014, Supreme Court Rule 501 is amended, as follows.

**Amended Rule 501**

**Rule 501. Definitions**

**(a) Bond Certificates.** Bail security documents which also guarantee payment of judgments for fines, penalties and costs, not to exceed \$140 for any single offense or \$500 for multiple offenses arising out of the same occurrence (auto bond certificates), or not to exceed \$500 for any single offense covered by Rule 526(b)(1) (truck bond certificates), which are issued or guaranteed, in counties other than Cook, by companies or membership associations authorized to do so by the Director of Insurance, State of Illinois, under regulations issued by this court. (Note: Copies of these regulations may be obtained by writing to: Director, Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts, 3101 Old Jacksonville Road, Springfield, IL 62704-6488.) The privilege of issuing bond certificates for use in Cook County shall be governed by rule of the Circuit Court of Cook County. (Note: Copies of the Cook County rule may be obtained by writing to: Office of the Chief Judge, Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago IL 60602.)

**(b) Cash or Cash Bail.** United States currency; transfer of United States currency by means of credit cards, debit cards, or electronic fund transfer; traveler's checks issued by major banks or express companies which, alone or in combination with currency, total the exact amount required to be deposited as bail; and negotiable drafts on major credit card companies, under conditions approved by the Administrative Director.

**(c) Conservation Offense.** Any case charging a violation listed below, except any charge punishable upon conviction by imprisonment in the penitentiary:

- (1) The Fish and Aquatic Life Code, as amended (515 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*);
- (2) The Wildlife Code, as amended (520 ILCS 5/1.1 *et seq.*);
- (3) The Boat Registration and Safety Act, as amended (625 ILCS 45/1-1 *et seq.*);
- (4) The Park District Code, as amended (70 ILCS 1205/1-1 *et seq.*);

(5) The Chicago Park District Act, as amended (70 ILCS 1505/ 0.01 *et seq.*);

(6) The State Parks Act, as amended (20 ILCS 835/ 0.01 *et seq.*);

(7) The State Forest Act, as amended (525 ILCS 40/ 0.01 *et seq.*);

(8) The Forest Fire Protection District Act, as amended (425 ILCS 40/ 0.01 *et seq.*);

(9) The Snowmobile Registration and Safety Act, as amended (625 ILCS 40/1-1 *et seq.*);

(10) The Endangered Species Protection Act, as amended (520 ILCS 10/1 *et seq.*);

(11) The Forest Products Transportation Act, as amended (225 ILCS 740/1 *et seq.*);

(12) The Timber Buyers Licensing Act, as amended (225 ILCS 735/1 *et seq.*);

(13) The Downstate Forest Preserve District Act, as amended (70 ILCS 805/ 0.001 *et seq.*);

(14) The Exotic Weed Act, as amended (525 ILCS 10/1 *et seq.*);

~~(15) The Hunter Interference Prohibition Act, as amended (720 ILCS 125/ 0.01 *et seq.*);~~

~~(16)~~ (15) The Ginseng Harvesting Act, as amended (525 ILCS 20/ 0.01 *et seq.*);

~~(17)~~ (16) The Cave Protection Act, as amended (525 ILCS 5/1 *et seq.*);

~~(18)~~ (17) Any regulations, proclamations or ordinances adopted pursuant to any code or act named in this Rule 501(c);

~~(19)~~ (18) Ordinances adopted pursuant to the Counties Code for the acquisition of property for parks or recreational areas (55 ILCS 5/5-1005(18)).

(19) The Recreational Trails of Illinois Act, as amended (20 ILCS 862/1 *et seq.*).

**(d) Driver's License.** A current driver's license ~~certificate~~ or temporary visitor's driver's license issued by the Secretary of State of Illinois. However, restricted driving permits, ~~judicial driving permits~~ monitoring device driving permits, instruction permits, probationary licenses or temporary licenses issued under chapter 6 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended (625 ILCS 5/6-100 *et seq.*) shall not be accepted in lieu of or in addition to bail amounts established in Rule 526.

**(e) Unit of Local Government.** Any county, municipality, township, special district, or unit designated as a unit of local government by law.

**(f) Traffic Offense.** Any case which charges a violation of any statute, ordinance or regulation relating to the operation or use of motor vehicles, the use of streets and highways by pedestrians or the operation of any other wheeled or tracked vehicle, including cases charging violations under chapter 6 of the Illinois

Vehicle Code, as amended (625 ILCS 5/6-100 *et seq.*), but excluding cases in which a ticket was served by “tie-on,” “hang-on,” or “appended” methods and cases charging violations of:

- (1) Section 9-3(b) of the Criminal Code of 1961, as amended (reckless homicide) (720 ILCS 5/9-3(b));
- (2) Section 12-5 of the Criminal Code of 1961, as amended (reckless conduct) (720 ILCS 5/12-5);
- (3) Article I of chapter 4 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended (anti-theft laws) (625 ILCS 5/4-100 *et seq.*);
- (4) Any charge punishable upon conviction by imprisonment in the penitentiary;
- (5) “Jay walking” ordinances of any unit of local government;
- (6) Any conservation offense (see Rule 501(c)).

**(g) Promise to Comply.** An option available to residents of other member jurisdictions of the Nonresident Violator Compact of 1977 (625 ILCS 5/6-800 *et seq.*) to obtain release from custody without bail following arrests on view for minor traffic offenses (see 625 ILCS 5/6-306.4(a)) by signing a written promise to comply with the terms of the Uniform Citation and Complaint (625 ILCS 5/6-306.4). Residents of Illinois, and nonresidents charged with traffic offenses specified in section 6-306.4(b) of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended (625 ILCS 6-306.4(b)), shall not be released on a promise to comply, but must post bail or secure release in accordance with these rules.

**(h) Individual Bond.** Bonds authorized without security for persons arrested for or charged with offenses covered by Rules 526, 527 and 528 who are unable to secure release from custody under these rules (see Rule 553(d)).

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