

Rule 526. Bail Schedule—Traffic Offenses

(a) Bail in Minor Traffic Offenses. Unless released on a promise to comply and except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (d) of this rule a person arrested for a minor traffic offense and personally served by the arresting officer with a Citation and Complaint shall post bail in the amount equal to the Schedule 12 assessment, as provided in section 15-60 of the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act (705 ILCS 135/15-60), in one of the following ways: (1) by posting cash bail (see Rule 501(b) for definition of “Cash Bail”); or (2) by depositing, in lieu of such amount, an approved bond certificate; or (3) by depositing, in lieu of such amount, a current Illinois driver’s license.

(b) Bail in Certain Truck Offenses.

(1) Persons charged with a violation of section 3-401(d) or 15-111 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended (truck overweight) (625 ILCS 5/3-401(d) or 5/15-111), charged with a violation of section 15-112(e) of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended (gross weight) (625 ILCS 5/15-112(e)), or charged with a violation punishable by fine pursuant to sections 15-113.1, 15-113.2 or 15-113.3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended (permit moves) (625 ILCS 5/15-113.1 *et seq.*), unless released on a promise to comply, shall post cash bail in an amount equal to the amount of the minimum fine fixed by statute, plus an amount equal to the Schedule 10.5 assessment, as provided in section 15-52 of the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act (705 ILCS 135/15-52) (see Rule 501(b) for definition of “Cash Bail”). The accused may, in lieu of cash bail, deposit a money order issued by a money transfer service company which has been approved by the Administrative Director under regulations issued by this court. The money order shall be made payable to the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the violation occurred. When the bail for any offense hereunder does not exceed \$500, the accused may, at his or her option, deposit a truck bond certificate in lieu of bail.

(2) Persons charged with violating section 15-112(g) of the Illinois Vehicle Code, as amended, by refusing to stop and submit a vehicle and load to weighing after being directed to do so by an officer, or with violating section 15-112(g) by removing all or part of the load prior to weighing shall post bail in the amount of \$2,000 (625 ILCS 5/15-112(g)).

(c) Bail in Major Traffic Offenses. Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this rule, persons charged with a major traffic offense shall post bail in the amount of \$2,500 with the exception of the following violations:

ILCS	Description	Bail
(1) 625 ILCS 5/11-501	Misdemeanor Driving Under Influence of Alcohol or Drugs or with 0.08 or more Blood- or Breath Alcohol Concentration	\$3,000
(2) 625 ILCS 5/11-506	Street Racing	\$3,000

(d) Bail in Other Traffic Offenses (Vehicle Title & Registration Law). Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this rule, persons charged with violations of the following sections of the Illinois

Vehicle Code shall post bail in the amount specified:

ILCS	Description	Bail
(1) 625 ILCS 5/3-707	Operating Without Insurance	\$2,000
(2) 625 ILCS 5/3-708	Operating when Registration Suspended for Non-insurance	\$3,000

(e) Driver's License in Lieu of or in Addition to Bail. An accused who has a valid Illinois driver's license may deposit his or her driver's license in lieu of the bail specified in Rule 526(c). In lieu of posting the cash amount specified in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of Rule 526(c) or subparagraph (2) of Rule 526(d), an accused must post \$1,000 bail and his or her current Illinois driver's license. Persons who do not possess a valid Illinois driver's license shall post bail in the amounts specified in Rule 526(c) or 526(d).

(f) Bail for Traffic Offenses Defined by Ordinance. Bail for traffic offenses defined by any ordinances of any unit of local government which are similar to those described in this Rule 526 shall be the same amounts as provided for in this rule.

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