

TITLE 9: VEHICLE CODE
DIVISION 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1403. Disposition and Records of Traffic Citations.

(a) The traffic citation may be disposed of only by trial in court, or by other official action by a judge of the court, including forfeiture of the bail, or by the deposit of sufficient bail with or by payment of the fine by the person to whom the traffic citation has been issued prior to arraignment or the scheduled first appearance in court.

(b) It is unlawful, a misdemeanor, and official misconduct for any traffic enforcement officer, or other officer, or public employee to dispose of a traffic citation or of the record of the issuance of the same in a manner other than as required in this chapter.

(c) The Director of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall require the return of a copy of every traffic citation issued by an officer to an alleged violator and of all copies of every traffic citation which has been spoiled or upon which any entry has been made and not issued to an alleged violator.

(d) The Director of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles shall also maintain or cause to be maintained in connection with every traffic citation an electronic and non-electronic record of the traffic citation and disposition of the charge by the court.

Source: [PL 3-61](#), § 1 (§ 126); amended by [PL 5-23](#), §§ 3, 4; amended by [PL 20-45](#) § 3(g) (Mar. 14, 2018), modified.

Commission Comment: Section 4 of [PL 6-25](#), the “Commonwealth Judicial Reorganization Act of 1989,” provides that “[w]herever the term ‘Commonwealth Trial Court’ appears in the Commonwealth Code, it is henceforth to be interpreted and understood to refer to the Commonwealth Superior Court.”

[PL 20-45](#) included the following Statutory Construction section:

“Section 4. Statutory Construction. The provisions of this Act shall be construed to effectuate its remedial purposes.”

In codifying [PL 20-45](#), the Commission inserted a hyphen in “nonelectronic” in (d) pursuant to [1 CMC § 3806\(g\)](#).