

**TITLE 9: VEHICLE CODE**  
**DIVISION 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**§ 1403. Disposition and Records of Traffic Citations.**

(a) Every traffic enforcement officer upon issuing a traffic citation to an alleged violator of any provision of the motor vehicle laws of the Commonwealth shall deposit the original or a copy of that traffic citation together with the confiscated operator's license with the Commonwealth Trial Court.

(b) Upon the deposit of the original or a copy of a traffic citation together with the operator's license of the alleged violation with the Commonwealth Trial Court, the traffic citation may be disposed of only by trial in the court or other official action by a judge of the court, including forfeiture of the bail, or by the deposit of sufficient bail with or payment of a fine by the person to whom the traffic citation has been issued. Thereafter, upon disposition of the traffic citation, the operator's license shall be forthwith returned to the person from whom it was confiscated.

(c) 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 copies of a citation or of the record of the issuance of the same in a manner other than as required in this chapter.

(d) The chief 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.

(e) The chief shall also maintain or cause to be maintained in connection with every traffic citation a record of the disposition of the charge by the court in which the original or copy of the traffic citation was deposited.

**Source:** PL 3-61, § 1 (§ 126); amended by PL 5-23, §§ 3, 4.

**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."