

TITLE 9: VEHICLE CODE
DIVISION 1: GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 1404. Record of Traffic Cases; Report of Convictions to Bureau.

(a) The Commonwealth Trial Court shall keep a record of every traffic complaint, traffic citation or other legal form of traffic charge deposited with or presented to that court and shall keep a record of every official action by the court in reference to the traffic charge, including but not limited to a record of every conviction, forfeiture of bail, judgment of acquittal and the amount of fine or forfeiture resulting from every traffic complaint or citation deposited with or presented to the court.

(b) Within 30 days after the conviction or the forfeiture of bail of a person upon a charge of violating any provision of this title or other law, regulation or ordinance regulating the operation of vehicles, every judge or clerk of the court in which the conviction was had or bail was forfeited shall prepare and immediately forward to the bureau an abstract of the record of the court covering the case in which the person was convicted or forfeited bail, which abstract must be certified by the person required to prepare it to be true and correct. Report need not be made of any conviction or forfeiture involving the illegal parking or standing of a vehicle.

(c) The abstract shall be made on a form furnished by the bureau and shall include the full name and residence address of the party charged, the number of his or her license, the registration number of the vehicle involved, a description of the offense, the section of the law, regulation or ordinance violated, the date of hearing, the plea, the judgment or whether bail was forfeited, the sentence or amount of forfeiture as the case may be, and other information the bureau may require.

(d) The Commonwealth Trial Court shall also forward a like report to the bureau upon the conviction of any person of homicide, manslaughter or other felony in the commission of which a vehicle was used.

(e) The bureau shall keep all abstracts received and these shall be open to public inspection during reasonable business hours.

Source: PL 3-61, § 1 (§ 127).

Commission Comment: The Commission inserted a semicolon in place of double dashes in the heading of this section to conform the heading to the style used elsewhere in the code. According to PL 3-90, § 7(a) (reprinted in the preface material, prior to title 1), “section headings . . . do not in any manner affect the scope, meaning, or intent of the provisions of this Code.”

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.”