

# AAA Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificate

When a police officer issues you a ticket for violation of a covered motor vehicle law, you have one of three choices. You can:

- Plead guilty and pay the fine.
- Guarantee your court appearance.
- Go to jail until the hearing date.

You may want to contest the charge, but don't have enough cash to post bond. Your AAA membership provides a:

- \$1,000 Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificate for covered traffic violations — a direct substitute for cash in many states. You may use this certificate and your AAA membership card for any motor vehicle violation except those involving driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquors, drugs or narcotics; failure to appear for violations; driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license; hit and run; failure to present evidence of insurance; illegal use or falsification of license or registration; engaging in a felony; attempting to elude/eluding police, or while driving a vehicle used for commercial purposes.

If you wish to contest the charge in court, follow these steps:

1. Plead innocent. The magistrate or justice of the peace will fix the amount of bail necessary for your release and advise you of the hearing date.
2. If your bond is \$1,000 or less, file your Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificate and membership card with the court.
3. If the Guaranteed Arrest Bond Certificate is not acceptable in that jurisdiction, or if your bond is greater than \$1,000, you will need to make arrangements on your own to post bond. Local laws vary. The court will keep your AAA membership card until you appear at the hearing.

AAA Guaranteed Arrest Bond:

- Guarantees court appearance; you pay any fines.
- Is for the AAA member and is non-transferable.
- Restrictions apply; see certificate for excluded charges.
- Covers charges for motor vehicle operation only.
- Requires you to repay any fines or costs paid on your behalf.
- Is subject to state laws which may vary by state.
- Is valid in the United States only.

## **YOUR VALID MEMBERSHIP CARD CAN BE ACCEPTED AS AN ARREST BOND FOR MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS WITH EXCEPTIONS AS DETAILED BELOW**

The General Insurance Company of America (GICA) guarantees the appearance of the AAA member named on the AAA membership card in any court up to the card's expiration date. The card can be accepted against an arrest bond up to \$1,000 from GICA for any motor vehicle law violation EXCEPT violations involving driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquors, drugs or narcotics, failure to appear for violations, driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license, hit and run, failure to present evidence of insurance, illegal use or falsification of license or registration, engaging in a felony, attempting to elude/eluding police, or while driving a vehicle used for commercial purposes. To obtain payment in the event of non-appearance, contact AAA. Member agrees to repay AAA or GICA for any losses.



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