

AMENDED

AUTOMOBILE BOND CARDS

Authorization Period August 1, 2019 – July 31, 2020

Honorable Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, has authorized the companies and associations listed below to issue automobile bond cards to their members to use as bail for traffic offenses in Cook County from August 1, 2019, through July 31, 2020. The automobile bond cards are acceptable only for traffic violations listed on the reverse side of this page.

Companies Authorized to Issue Automobile Bond Cards \$164.00/ \$500.00 Limit*

Advantage Auto Club, Inc.
Allstate Motor Club, Inc.
Lincoln Travel Club, Inc.
Motor Club of America Enterprises, Inc.
Nationwide Auto Club, Inc.
Signature Moto Club, Inc.
Town & Country Motorists Association, Inc.

* Authorized company name may be on either side of bond card.

As you are aware, the "Sign and Drive Law" provides that traffic offenders shall not be required to post bond to secure their release following the receipt of a traffic citation. However, individuals may still use court-approved bond cards. Officers should continue to accept court-approved bond cards from individuals charged with certain offenses who state they wish to post the bond card instead of signing the ticket.

Amended on August 16, 2019 retroactively to August 1, 2019, Automobile bond cards from the authorized companies are acceptable as bail in Cook County for only the following traffic offenses in the following amounts:

Traffic Offense	Bail Amount
Minor traffic offenses that are subject to the bail schedule of Illinois Supreme Court Rule 526(a).	\$164
• Including speeding 1-20 mph over the speed limit.	

Automobile bond cards can be accepted as bail **only** in amounts up to \$164 for a single offense and \$500 for multiple offenses.

Please direct any questions to Judge Raúl Vega at (312) 325-9555. This information can also be found online at http://www.cookcountycourt.org/ by placing your cursor over "For Attorneys and Litigants," clicking on Surety Section, and scrolling down to "For information for Law Enforcement Officers on Bond Cards."