

Vehicle Insurance Bonding

Scenario

Traffic stop resulting in driver with no vehicle insurance.

- Driver has valid license with no previous convictions.
- Driver's abstract shows clean record.
- Driver is an Illinois resident
- Probable cause for stop was no tail lights
- Two movers to be written:
 - Required Lighting (MCC 9-76-050(c) or 625 ILCS 5/12-201(b))
 - Operation of uninsured motor vehicle (MCC 9-80-250 or 625 ILCS 5/3-707)

The Question

- Do you take bond (drivers license) of an Illinois resident for only no vehicle insurance?

Answer

- No, do not take bond (drivers license).

Explanation

- In the case above, the offense will be a petty offense
 - Proof: [625 ILCS 5/3-707\(c\)](#)
 - ... any operator of a motor vehicle subject to registration under this Code who is convicted of violating this Section is guilty of a petty offense ...
- Since this is a petty offense, bond is not taken.
 - Proof: [Special Order S06-13, III-A](#)
 - No Illinois resident charged with a petty traffic offense will be required to post bond.

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