

(a) *The commissioner shall prescribe the form of traffic citation to be used in all cases in which a traffic citation is issued as authorized or required by this subtitle, and the form of complaint or warrant to be used in all charges of violating any provision of this article or of committing any traffic offense under local law.*

(b) *The commissioner may prescribe administrative controls and regulations governing the disposition of forms and prescribing records to be kept of the disposition of offenses charged therein. The controls and regulations shall be binding upon every traffic-enforcement agency, police officer, magistrate, and trial court having jurisdiction over traffic offenses and over charges of violating any provision of this article, and the executive officer of every agency, every police officer, every magistrate, and every judge of every court shall prepare or cause to be prepared records and reports the commissioner prescribes pursuant hereto.*

(c) *This section does not apply to parking violations.*

§ 16-118. *Disposition and records of traffic citations.*

(a) *Every traffic-enforcement officer upon issuing a traffic citation to an alleged violator of any provision of this article or of any traffic law or regulation of any local authority shall dispose of the citation in accordance with the regulations of the commissioner, and shall cause the original copy to be promptly delivered to the court in which the case is to be heard.*

(b) *Upon the deposit of the original or a copy of the traffic citation with a court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense as aforesaid, the original or copy of 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, or payment of a fine by the person to whom the traffic citation has been issued by the traffic-enforcement officer.*

NOTHING HEREIN SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PREVENT THE ENTRY OF A "NOL PROS" OR "STET" BY THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE CITY OR ANY COUNTY OF THE STATE.

(c) *It shall be unlawful and official misconduct for any traffic enforcement officer or other officer or public employee to dispose of a traffic citation or copies thereof or of the record of the issuance of the same in a manner other than as required herein or in the commissioner's regulations.*

(d) *The chief administrative officer of every traffic-enforcement agency shall require the return to him of a copy of every traffic citation issued by an officer under his supervision to an alleged violator of any traffic law or ordinance 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 administrative officer also shall maintain or cause to be maintained in connection with every traffic citation issued by an officer under his supervision a record of the disposition of the charge by the court in which the original or copy of the traffic citation was deposited.*