

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

26-404.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Guaranteed arrest bond certificate" means any certificate that is issued under this section by an insurance company or motor club to provide bail bond services to any of its insureds or members.

(3) "Insurance company" means an insurance company that is authorized to write automobile liability insurance in this State.

(4) "Motor club" has the meaning stated in Article 48B, § 1 of the Code.

(5) "Surety company" means any company designated as a surety company under Article 48A, Subtitle 29 of the Code.

(b) Within the limitations of this section, the following persons may issue a guaranteed arrest bond certificate:

(1) Any insurance company that is also a surety company; or

(2) If acting in conjunction with a surety company, any other insurance company or any motor club.

(c) A guaranteed arrest bond certificate shall:

(1) Specify its expiration date; and

(2) Contain printed statements that:

(i) The issuer and surety company guarantee the court appearance of the person to whom the certificate is issued; and

(ii) If the person fails to appear in court at the time of the trial, it will pay any fine or forfeiture that is imposed on the person and does not exceed [\$200] \$500.

(d) Any surety company may become surety for persons posting guaranteed arrest bond certificates, by filing an undertaking to become surety with the State Insurance Division.

(e) (1) A guaranteed arrest bond certificate may not be delivered or issued for delivery in this State unless the form has been filed with and approved by the Insurance Commissioner.