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AN ACT to renumber 954.44 (1); to amend 954.44 (2) (b) and (c) and (3); and to create 954.44 (1) (b) of the statutes, relating to guaranteed arrest bond certificates.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 954.44 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 954.44 (1) (a).

SECTION 2. 954.44 (1) (b) of the statutes is created to read:

954.44 (1) (b) An association providing a guaranteed arrest bond certificate may obligate itself in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for viola-

tions of ch. 348. All courts in this state must accept such guaranteed arrest bond certificate. When a state traffic patrol officer or state inspector or any local law enforcement officer stops an operator of a vehicle, having in his possession a valid guaranteed arrest bond certificate, he shall obtain the necessary information for his citation and if such guaranteed arrest bond covers the fine for the violation such officer shall release such vehicle and operator.

SECTION 3. 954.44 (2) (b) and (c) and (3) of the statutes are amended to read:

954.44 (2) (b) The unqualified obligation of the surety company to pay the fine or forfeiture in an amount not to exceed \$200, or \$1,000 as provided in sub. (1) (b), of any person who, after posting a guaranteed arrest bond certificate with respect to which the surety company has undertaken to be surety, fails to make the appearance to guarantee which, the guaranteed arrest bond certificate was posted.

(c) The term "guaranteed arrest bond certificate" as used herein means any printed card or other certificate issued by an automobile club, association or insurance company to any of its members or insureds, which card or certificate is signed by the member or insureds and contains a printed statement that such automobile club, association or insurance company and a surety company, or an insurance company authorized to transact both automobile liability insurance and surety business, guarantee the appearance of the persons whose signature appears on the card or certificate and that they will in the event of failure of the person to appear in court at the time of trial, pay any fine or forfeiture imposed on the person in an amount not exceeding \$200, or \$1,000 as provided in sub. (1) (b).

(3) Any guaranteed arrest bond certificate with respect to which a surety company has become surety, or a guaranteed arrest bond certificate issued by an insurance company authorized to transact both automobile liability insurance and surety business within this state as herein provided, shall, when posted by the person whose signature appears thereon, be accepted in lieu of cash bail or other bond in an amount not to exceed \$200, or \$1,000 as provided in sub. (1) (b), as a bail bond, to guarantee the appearance of such person in any court in this state, including all municipal courts in this state, at such time as may be required by such court, when the person is arrested for violation of any vehicle law of this state or any motor vehicle ordinance of any county or municipality in this state except for the offense of driving under the influence of intoxicating liquors or of drugs or for any felony committed prior to the date of expiration shown on such guaranteed arrest bond certificates; provided, that any such guaranteed arrest bond certificates so posted as bail bond in any court in this state shall be subject to the forfeiture and enforcement provisions with respect to bail bonds in criminal cases as otherwise provided by law or as hereafter may be provided by law, and that any such guaranteed arrest bond certificate posted as a bail bond in any municipal court of this state shall be subject to the forfeiture and enforcement provisions, if any, of the charter or ordinance of the particular county or municipality pertaining to bail bonds posted.

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