

STATE OF MAINE
SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT
AMENDMENT TO THE
MAINE RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

2018 Me. Rules 11

Effective: August 20, 2018

All of the Justices concurring therein, the following amendment to the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure is adopted to be effective on the date indicated above. The specific amendment is stated below. To aid in the understanding of the amendment, an Advisory Note appears after the text of the Rule amendment. The Advisory Note states the reason for the amendment, but the Advisory Note is not part of the amendment adopted by the Court.

1. Rule 80F of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure is amended to read as follows:

RULE 80F. TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS

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(p) Public Access to Violations Bureau Court Records. On a request for a particular record, members of the public shall have online access to data contained in an individual case file maintained by the Violations Bureau consisting of the following information: (1) defendant's first and last name; (2) defendant's year of birth; (3) date of violation; (4) location of violation; (5) nature of violation; (6) issuing officer and agency; and (7) index of court proceedings. Information from Violations Bureau cases is available, consistent with this rule, at court locations in paper form.

Information, data, or documents in Violations Bureau records containing a defendant's month and day of birth, physical description, address, license number, vehicle description, vehicle identification number (VIN), address on the registration, and vehicle registration number shall be available only to the parties, an attorney who has entered an appearance on behalf of a party, the prosecuting attorney or officer, members of state and federal criminal justice agencies, and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Information shall also be excluded from public access if barred under federal or state law.

Procedures and fees for online access to Violations Bureau information, documents, or data may be established by administrative order.

Advisory Note - August 2018

Subdivision (p) is added to provide standards for access to information, data, and documents in Violations Bureau court records.

Dated: July 18, 2018

FOR THE COURT,*

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* This Rule Amendment Order was approved after conference of the Court, all Justices concurring therein.