

Another Day, Another Scam

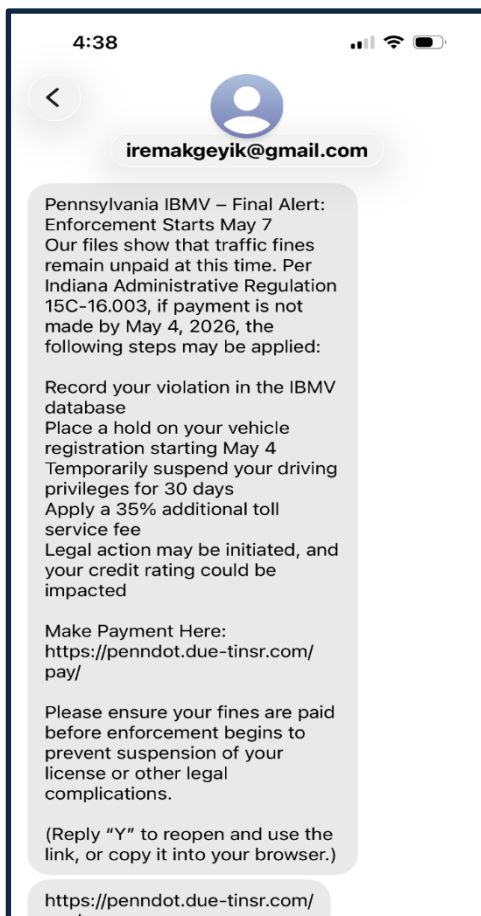
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The image below was taken from my cell phone on May 6, 2026. It was sent as a text message from the email address shown inside the text message. Use of "email to text" hides the area code of the sender. (I added the accompanying text box to improve readability).

Apparently, I violated a traffic law in Indiana and must pay a (undisclosed) fine to Pennsylvania. I haven't been to Indiana in over 40 years, so that is the first clue. The other clues that this is a scam are:

- The threat that I would lose my driving privileges, if I don't pay the fine
- The threat of imposition of a penalty if I don't pay the fine
- There is no Pennsylvania IBMV; there is a DMV. All official PA websites will have a ".gov" as part of the URL. There is an Indiana BMV but no actual IBMV. Indiana government sites also have a ".gov" in their URL.

If you're not sure a threat is real, be skeptical and find another way to contact the actual source of the message, in this case the PA DMV for verification. Your best alternative: delete immediately.



Pennsylvania IBMV – Final Alert: Enforcement Starts May 7
Our files show that traffic fines remain unpaid at this time.
Per Indiana Administrative Regulation 15C-16.003, if payment is not made by May 4, 2026, the following steps may be applied:
Record your violation in the IBMV database
Place a hold on your vehicle registration starting May 4
Temporarily suspend your driving privileges for 30 days
Apply a 35% additional toll service fee
Legal action may be initiated, and your credit rating could be impacted
Make Payment Here:
<https://penndot.due-tinsr.com/pay/>
Please ensure your fines are paid before enforcement begins to prevent suspension of your license or other legal complications.
(Reply "Y" to reopen and use the link, or copy it into your browser.)