

By the Committee on Transportation and Senators Lee, Bronson, Clary, Grant, Horne, Dudley, Cowin, Diaz-Balart, Ostalkiewicz and Williams

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to license plates; amending ss.
3 320.08056, 320.08058, F.S.; creating a Choose
4 Life license plate; providing for the
5 distribution of annual use fees received from
6 the sale of such plates; providing certain
7 limitations on the use of such funds; providing
8 a contingent effective date.

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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (t) is added to subsection (4) of
13 section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, to read:

14 320.08056 Specialty license plates.--
15 (4) The following license plate annual use fees shall
16 be collected for the appropriate specialty license plates:
17 (t) Choose Life license plate, \$20.

18 Section 2. Subsection (20) is added to section
19 320.08058, Florida Statutes, to read:

20 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--
21 (20) CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES.--
22 (a) The department shall develop a Choose Life license
23 plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must
24 appear at the top of the plate, and the words "Choose Life"
25 must appear at the bottom of the plate.

26 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed annually
27 to each county in the ratio that the annual use fees collected
28 by each county bears to the total fees collected for the
29 plates within the state. Each county shall distribute the
30 funds to nongovernmental, not-for-profit agencies within the
31 county, which agencies' services are limited to counseling and

1 meeting the physical needs of pregnant women who are committed
2 to placing their children for adoption. Funds may not be
3 distributed to any agency that is involved or associated with
4 abortion activities, including counseling for or referrals to
5 abortion clinics, providing medical abortion-related
6 procedures, or pro-abortion advertising, and funds may not be
7 distributed to any agency that charges women for services
8 received.

9 1. Agencies that receive the funds must use at least
10 70 percent of the funds to provide for the material needs of
11 pregnant women who are committed to placing their children for
12 adoption, including clothing, housing, medical care, food,
13 utilities, and transportation. Such funds may also be expended
14 on infants awaiting placement with adoptive parents.

15 2. The remaining funds may be used for adoption,
16 counseling, training, or advertising, but may not be used for
17 administrative expenses, legal expenses, or capital
18 expenditures.

19 3. Each agency that receives such funds must submit an
20 annual audit, prepared by a certified public accountant, to
21 the county. The county may conduct a consolidated audit in
22 lieu of the annual audit. The Office of Policy Analysis and
23 Governmental Accountability shall review the expenditure of
24 funds every 3 years to ensure that funds are expended in
25 accordance with this subsection. Any unused funds that exceed
26 10 percent of the funds received by an agency during its
27 fiscal year must be returned to the county, which shall
28 distribute them to other qualified agencies.

29 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998,
30 but it shall not take effect unless it is enacted by at least
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1 a three-fifths vote of the membership of each house of the
2 Legislature.

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4 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
5 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
6 SB 1430

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7 Revises frequency of audits and permits counties to conduct
8 consolidated audits. Provides for review of expenditures every
9 3 years by the Office of Policy Analysis and Governmental
10 Accountability.

11 Prohibits use of funds for legal services and receipt of funds
12 by agencies which charge for services.

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