1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to license plates; amending ss.

3   320.08056 and 320.08058, F.S.; creating a

4   Choose 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 (z) is added to subsection (4) of

13   section 320.08056, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, 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   (z) Choose Life license plate, $20.

18   Section 2. Subsection (26) is added to section

19   320.08058, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

20   320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

21   (26) 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 bottom of the plate, and the words "Choose Life"

25   must appear at the top 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 Program Policy

23 Analysis and Government Accountability shall review the

24 expenditure of funds every 3 years to ensure that funds are

25 expended in accordance with this subsection. Any unused funds

26 that exceed 10 percent of the funds received by an agency

27 during its fiscal year must be returned to the county, which

28 shall distribute them to other qualified agencies.

29   Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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     Provides for a Choose Life specialty license plate. See
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