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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to specialty license plates; amending s.  
3 320.08058, F.S.; providing that funds distributed to  
4 agencies from the sale of the Choose Life license plate  
5 which are unused must be redistributed to agencies or  
6 organizations that offer support services to pregnant  
7 women who intend to keep their children; providing an  
8 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. Subsection (29) of section 320.08058, Florida  
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 320.08058 Specialty license plates.--

15 (29) CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES.--

16 (a) The department shall develop a Choose Life license  
17 plate as provided in this section. The word "Florida" must appear  
18 at the bottom of the plate, and the words "Choose Life" must  
19 appear at the top of the plate.

20 (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed annually to  
21 each county in the ratio that the annual use fees collected by  
22 each county bears to the total fees collected for the plates  
23 within the state. Each county shall distribute the funds to  
24 nongovernmental, not-for-profit agencies within the county, which  
25 agencies' services are limited to counseling and meeting the  
26 physical needs of pregnant women who are committed to placing  
27 their children for adoption. Funds may not be distributed to any  
28 agency that is involved or associated with abortion activities,  
29 including counseling for or referrals to abortion clinics,

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30 providing medical abortion-related procedures, or proabortion  
31 advertising, and funds may not be distributed to any agency that  
32 charges women for services received.

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

39 2. The remaining funds may be used for adoption,  
40 counseling, training, or advertising, but may not be used for  
41 administrative expenses, legal expenses, or capital expenditures.

42 3. Each agency that receives such funds must submit an  
43 annual attestation to the county. Any unused funds ~~that exceed 10~~  
44 ~~percent of the funds~~ received by an agency during its fiscal year  
45 must be returned to the county, which shall distribute those  
46 funds ~~them~~ to ~~other~~ qualified agencies or organizations that  
47 offer support services to pregnant women who intend to keep their  
48 children.

49 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.