

This statute also specifies that each participating county should distribute the fees to nongovernmental, not-for-profit agencies within the county whose services are limited to counseling and meeting the physical needs of pregnant women who will place their children for adoption. Funds are not to be distributed to any agencies that are associated with abortion or abortion related procedures. Agencies that receive funds must use at least 70 percent of their funds for pregnant women who are placing their children for adoption including expenses related to transportation, clothing, housing, medical care, food, and utilities. Remaining funds must be used for counseling and advertising purposes which promote adoption. Unused funds that exceed 10 percent of the funds received annually by an agency must be returned to the county.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill amends s. 320.08058, F.S., to provide the following proposed changes:

- This bill directs the distribution of funds from the sale of “Choose Life” license plates to Choose Life, Inc.
- Choose Life, Inc., will distribute funds to participating nongovernmental, not-for-profit agencies within the State of Florida that assist pregnant women who are making an adoption plan for their children. Funds will be distributed based on an annual DHSMV sales per county report.
- This bill removes the minimum amount of funds used by agencies to provide materials to pregnant women making an adoption plan, and it extends the use of funds to birth mothers for 60 days after delivery.
- The bill provides that Choose Life, Inc., may use a maximum of 20 percent of funds collected annually for administration and promotion of “Choose Life” specialty license plates. Unused funds by agencies that exceed 10 percent of funds collected annually must be returned to Choose Life, Inc.
- By October 1, 2011, all funds collected by DHSMV from the sale of “Choose Life” license plates shall be transferred to Choose Life, Inc. This change will allow the department to distribute the \$557,451.63 in funds held due to lack of participating counties.

This bill shall take effect July 1, 2011.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Fiscal Impact Statement:**A. Tax/Fee Issues:**

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

Motor vehicle owners who choose this specialty license plate will continue to pay \$20 in additional fees. Choose Life, Inc., will receive fees in lieu of multiple counties; as a result, local private agencies could be impacted by the decisions of Choose Life, Inc., regarding the disbursement of annual use fees.

C. Government Sector Impact:

Programming cost to effect this change will be absorbed within existing funds per the DHSMV agency bill analysis. Since local governments would no longer have the responsibility of fund allocation, there may be a reduction in administrative costs associated with the distribution of "Choose Life" license plate sales funds.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Additional Information:**A. Committee Substitute – Statement of Substantial Changes:**

(Summarizing differences between the Committee Substitute and the prior version of the bill.)

None.

B. Amendments:**Barcode 397918 by Transportation on March 16, 2011:**

Agencies that receive the funds collected dispersed through Choose Life, Inc., are to provide pregnant women who are making an adoption plan for their children including, but not limited to, clothing, housing, medical care, food utilities, and transportation.