

By Senator Fasano

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Choose Life license plates;  
 3           amending s. 320.08058, F.S.; providing for the annual  
 4           use fees to be distributed to Choose Life, Inc.,  
 5           rather than the counties; providing for Choose Life,  
 6           Inc., to redistribute a portion of such funds to  
 7           nongovernmental, not-for-profit agencies that assist  
 8           certain pregnant women; authorizing Choose Life, Inc.,  
 9           to use a portion of the funds to administer and  
 10          promote the Choose Life license plate program;  
 11          providing an effective date.

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

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 15          Section 1. Subsection (29) of section 320.08058, Florida  
 16          Statutes, is amended to read:

17          320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

18          (29) CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES.—

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

23          (b) The annual use fees shall be distributed annually to  
 24          Choose Life, Inc., along with a report that specifies each  
 25          ~~county in~~ the ratio that the annual use fees collected by each  
 26          county bears to the total fees collected for the plates within  
 27          the state. Choose Life, Inc., ~~Each county~~ shall distribute the  
 28          funds to nongovernmental, not-for-profit agencies that assist  
 29          ~~within the county, which agencies' services are limited to~~

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30 ~~counseling and meeting the physical needs of pregnant women who~~  
31 ~~are making an adoption plan for their children committed to~~  
32 ~~placing their children for adoption.~~ Funds may not be  
33 distributed to any agency that is involved or associated with  
34 abortion activities, including counseling for or referrals to  
35 abortion clinics, providing medical abortion-related procedures,  
36 or proabortion advertising, and funds may not be distributed to  
37 any agency that charges women for services received.

38 1. Agencies that receive the funds must use ~~at least 70~~  
39 ~~percent of~~ the funds to provide for the material needs of  
40 pregnant women who are making an adoption plan for their  
41 children ~~committed to placing their children for adoption,~~  
42 including clothing, housing, medical care, food, utilities, and  
43 transportation. Such funds may also be expended on birth mothers  
44 for 60 days after delivery and on infants awaiting placement  
45 with adoptive parents.

46 2. ~~The remaining~~ Funds may also be used for adoption-  
47 related ~~adoption,~~ counseling, training, or advertising, but may  
48 not be used for administrative expenses, legal expenses, or  
49 capital expenditures. However, a maximum of 20 percent of the  
50 total funds received annually may be used by Choose Life, Inc.,  
51 for the administration and promotion of the Choose Life license  
52 plate program.

53 3. Each agency that receives such funds must submit an  
54 annual attestation to Choose Life, Inc. ~~the county.~~ Any unused  
55 funds that exceed 10 percent of the funds received by an agency  
56 each during its fiscal year must be returned to Choose Life,  
57 Inc. ~~the county,~~ which shall distribute the funds ~~them~~ to other  
58 qualified agencies.

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59           (c) By October 1, 2011, the department and each county  
60 shall transfer all of its Choose Life license plate funds to  
61 Choose Life, Inc.

62           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.