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

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

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

16           320.08058 Specialty license plates.—

17           (29) CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES.—

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

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

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

37 1. Agencies that receive the funds must use ~~at least 70~~  
 38 ~~percent of~~ the funds to provide for the material needs of  
 39 pregnant women who are making an adoption plan for their  
 40 children ~~committed to placing their children for adoption~~,  
 41 including, but not limited to, clothing, housing, medical care,  
 42 food, utilities, and transportation. Such funds may also be  
 43 expended on birth mothers for 60 days after delivery and on  
 44 infants awaiting placement with adoptive parents.

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

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

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57 | qualified agencies.

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

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