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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 each county's share of the funds to nongovernmental,
 28 not-for-profit agencies within each Florida county which assist

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29 ~~within the county, which agencies' services are limited to~~
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, but not limited to, clothing, housing, medical care,
43 food, utilities, and transportation. Such funds may also be
44 expended on birth mothers for 60 days after delivery and on
45 infants awaiting placement 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 15 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. If no qualified agency applies to receive funds in a
54 county in any year, that county's Choose Life funds shall be
55 distributed pro rata to any qualified agencies that apply and
56 maintain a place of business within a 100-mile radius of the

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57 county seat of such county. If no qualified agencies apply, the
58 funds shall be held by Choose Life, Inc., until a qualified
59 agency under this section applies for the funds.

60 ~~4.3.~~ Each agency that receives such funds must submit an
61 annual attestation to Choose Life, Inc. ~~the county.~~ Any unused
62 funds that exceed 10 percent of the funds received by an agency
63 ~~each during its fiscal~~ year must be returned to Choose Life,
64 Inc. ~~the county,~~ which shall distribute the funds ~~them~~ to other
65 qualified agencies within the State of Florida.

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

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