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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a choose life motor vehicle registration
2 plate and appropriating fees from such plates for adoption-
3 related services.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.17 FUNDING FOR SERVICES FOR
2 PREGNANT WOMEN.

3 1. The department shall distribute annually the moneys
4 transferred to the department from the choose life motor
5 vehicle registration plate fees under section 321.34,
6 subsection 23, to each county board of health in the state in
7 the ratio that the registration plate fees collected by each
8 county bears to the total fees collected for such plates
9 within the state. Each county board of health shall
10 distribute the funds to nongovernmental, not-for-profit
11 organizations within the county that provide services free of
12 charge to pregnant women who are committed to placing their
13 unborn children up for adoption. Funds shall not be
14 distributed to any organization that is involved or associated
15 with abortion activities, including counseling for or
16 referrals to abortion clinics, providing medical abortion-
17 related procedures, or proabortion advertising.

18 2. Organizations receiving funds under this section shall
19 do all of the following:

20 a. Use at least seventy percent of the funds to provide
21 for the material needs of pregnant women who are committed to
22 placing their unborn children for adoption, including
23 clothing, housing, medical care, food, utilities, and
24 transportation. Such funds may also be used for the expenses
25 of infants awaiting placement with adoptive parents.

26 b. Use the funds not being used as described in paragraph
27 "a" for costs associated with adoptions, counseling, training,
28 or advertising. However, such funds shall not be used for
29 administrative or legal expenses or for capital expenditures.

30 c. Return to the county board of health any unused funds
31 that exceed ten percent of the total amount of funds received
32 by the organization during the year. The county board of
33 health shall redistribute the funds to other qualified
34 organizations as described in subsection 1.

35 d. Submit an annual audit to the county board of health.

1 The audit shall be prepared by a certified public accountant.
2 A county board of health may conduct a consolidated audit of
3 all funds distributed by the board during a year or for a
4 period of years. Such audits shall be subject to review by
5 the auditor of state.

6 3. For purposes of this section, "county board of health"
7 means a district board of health if the county and city boards
8 of health in an area have formed a district board of health
9 under section 137.10.

10 Sec. 2. Section 321.34, Code 2001, is amended by adding
11 the following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 23. CHOOSE LIFE PLATES.

13 a. Upon application and payment of the proper fees, the
14 director may issue choose life plates to the owner of a motor
15 vehicle subject to registration under section 321.109,
16 subsection 1, light delivery truck, panel delivery truck,
17 pickup, motor home, multipurpose vehicle, motorcycle, trailer,
18 or travel trailer.

19 b. Choose life plates shall be designed by the department
20 in cooperation with the Iowa department of public health.

21 c. The special fee for letter number designated choose
22 life plates is thirty-five dollars. The fee for personalized
23 choose life plates is twenty-five dollars, which shall be paid
24 in addition to the special choose life fee of thirty-five
25 dollars. The fees collected by the director under this
26 subsection shall be paid monthly to the treasurer of state and
27 credited to the road use tax fund. Notwithstanding section
28 423.24, and prior to the crediting of revenues to the road use
29 tax fund under section 423.24, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
30 the treasurer of state shall transfer monthly from those
31 revenues to the Iowa department of public health the amount of
32 the special fees collected in the previous month for the
33 choose life plates. The moneys from such fees are
34 appropriated for distribution by the department of public
35 health for services for pregnant women as provided in section

1 135.17. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys transferred
2 under this subsection shall not revert to the general fund of
3 the state.

4 d. Upon receipt of the special registration plates, the
5 applicant shall surrender the current registration receipt and
6 plates to the county treasurer. The county treasurer shall
7 validate the special registration plates in the same manner as
8 regular registration plates are validated under this section.
9 The annual special choose life fee for letter number
10 designated plates is ten dollars, which shall be paid in
11 addition to the regular annual registration fee. The annual
12 fee for personalized choose life plates is five dollars, which
13 shall be paid in addition to the annual special choose life
14 fee and the regular annual registration fee. The annual
15 choose life fee shall be credited as provided under paragraph
16 "c".

17 EXPLANATION

18 This bill authorizes the state department of transportation
19 to issue choose life special registration plates. The plates
20 shall display a choose life emblem designed by the department,
21 in cooperation with the Iowa department of public health. The
22 issuance fee for such plates is \$35, with personalized plates
23 having an additional fee of \$25. The annual fee for the
24 plates is \$10, with personalized plates having an additional
25 fee of \$5.

26 The moneys from the fees are to be transferred to the
27 department of public health and are appropriated for
28 distribution by the department to counties for distribution to
29 nongovernmental, not-for-profit organizations that provide
30 services to pregnant women who are committed to placing their
31 unborn children up for adoption. Funds are not to be
32 distributed to any organization that is involved or associated
33 with abortion activities.

34 Organizations receiving funds are required to use at least
35 70 percent of the funds to provide for the material needs of

1 pregnant women who are committed to placing their unborn
2 children up for adoption or for the expenses of infants
3 awaiting placement with adoptive parents. The remainder of
4 the funds received by an organization may be used for costs
5 associated with adoptions, counseling, training, or
6 advertising, but not for administrative or legal expenses, or
7 for capital expenditures.

8 An organization must return any unused funds that exceed 10
9 percent of the total amount of funds received by the
10 organization during a year to the county for redistribution to
11 other qualified organizations. An organization must also
12 submit an annual audit to the county. The county may conduct
13 a consolidated audit of funds distributed. These audits are
14 subject to review by the auditor of state.

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