

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 64*

Short Title: "Choose Life" License Plate. (Public)

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Referred to: Finance.

February 24, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE A "CHOOSE LIFE" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-79.4(b) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(b) Types. – The Division shall issue the following types of special registration plates:

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(3e) 'Choose Life'. – Issuable to a registered owner of a motor vehicle in accordance with G.S. 20-81.12(b17). The plate shall bear the phrase 'Choose Life'."

SECTION 2. G.S. 20-79.7(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) Fees. – Upon request, the Division shall provide and issue free of charge one registration plate to a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, a 100% disabled veteran, and an Ex-Prisoner of War. All other special registration plates, including additional Congressional Medal of Honor, 100% Disabled Veteran, and Ex-Prisoner of War plates, are subject to the regular motor vehicle registration fee in G.S. 20-87 or G.S. 20-88 plus an additional fee in the following amount:

| <u>Special Plate</u> | <u>Additional Fee Amount</u> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| Historical Attraction | \$30.00 |
| State Attraction | \$30.00 |
| <u>Choose Life</u> | <u>\$25.00</u> |
| Collegiate Insignia | \$25.00 |
| Goodness Grows | \$25.00 |

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| 1 | Kids First | \$25.00 |
| 2 | Olympic Games | \$25.00 |
| 3 | NC Agribusiness | \$25.00 |
| 4 | Special Olympics | \$25.00 |
| 5 | The V Foundation for Cancer Research Division | \$25.00 |
| 6 | University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina | \$25.00 |
| 7 | Animal Lovers | \$20.00 |
| 8 | Audubon North Carolina | \$20.00 |
| 9 | Ducks Unlimited | \$20.00 |
| 10 | (Effective until June 30, 2006) | |
| 11 | Harley Owners' Group | \$20.00 |
| 12 | First in Forestry | \$20.00 |
| 13 | Litter Prevention | \$20.00 |
| 14 | March of Dimes | \$20.00 |
| 15 | Omega Psi Phi Fraternity | \$20.00 |
| 16 | (Effective until June 30, 2006) | |
| 17 | Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation | \$25.00 |
| 18 | Save the Sea Turtles | \$20.00 |
| 19 | Scenic Rivers | \$20.00 |
| 20 | School Technology | \$20.00 |
| 21 | Soil and Water Conservation | \$20.00 |
| 22 | Special Forces Association | \$20.00 |
| 23 | Support Public Schools | \$20.00 |
| 24 | Wildlife Resources | \$20.00 |
| 25 | Personalized | \$20.00 |
| 26 | Active Member of the National Guard | None |
| 27 | 100% Disabled Veteran | None |
| 28 | Ex-Prisoner of War | None |
| 29 | Legion of Valor | None |
| 30 | Purple Heart Recipient | None |
| 31 | Silver Star Recipient | None |
| 32 | All Other Special Plates | \$10.00." |

SECTION 3. G.S. 20-79.7(b) reads as rewritten:

"(b) Distribution of Fees. – The Special Registration Plate Account and the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account are established within the Highway Fund. The Division must credit the additional fee imposed for the special registration plates listed in subsection (a) among the Special Registration Plate Account (SRPA), the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account (CCAPA), and the Natural Heritage Trust Fund (NHTF), which is established under G.S. 113-77.7, as follows:

| <u>Special Plate</u> | <u>SRPA</u> | <u>CCAPA</u> | <u>NHTF</u> |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| Animal Lovers | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| Audubon North Carolina | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| Choose Life | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |

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| 1 | Ducks Unlimited | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 2 | First in Forestry | \$10 | 0 | \$10 |
| 3 | Goodness Grows | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 4 | (Effective until June 30, 2006) | | | |
| 5 | Harley Owners' Group | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 6 | Historical Attraction | \$10 | \$20 | 0 |
| 7 | In-State Collegiate Insignia | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 8 | Kids First | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 9 | Litter Prevention | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 10 | March of Dimes | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 11 | NC Agribusiness | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 12 | Olympic Games | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 13 | Omega Psi Phi Fraternity | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 14 | Out-of-state Collegiate Insignia | \$10 | 0 | \$15 |
| 15 | Personalized | \$10 | 0 | \$10 |
| 16 | (Effective until June 30, 2006) | | | |
| 17 | Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 18 | Save the Sea Turtles | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 19 | Scenic Rivers | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 20 | School Technology | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 21 | Soil and Water Conservation | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 22 | Special Forces Association | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 23 | Special Olympics | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 24 | State Attraction | \$10 | \$20 | 0 |
| 25 | Support Public Schools | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 26 | The V Foundation for Cancer Research | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 27 | University Health Systems of Eastern | | | |
| 28 | Carolina | \$10 | \$15 | 0 |
| 29 | Wildlife Resources | \$10 | \$10 | 0 |
| 30 | All other Special Plates | \$10 | 0 | 0." |

31 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

32 "(b24) "Choose Life". – The Division shall receive 300 or more applications for a
33 "Choose Life" plate before the plate may be developed. The Division shall transfer
34 quarterly the money in the Collegiate and Cultural Attraction Plate Account derived
35 from the sale of "Choose Life" plates to the Crisis Pregnancy Center Fund established in
36 G.S. 108A-75."

37 **SECTION 5.** Article 3 of Chapter 108A of the General Statutes is amended
38 by adding a new section to read:

39 "**§ 108A-75. Crisis Pregnancy Fund.**

40 There is established a fund to be known as the "Crisis Pregnancy Fund" in the
41 Department of State Treasurer, which shall be funded by a portion of the special license
42 plate fee under G.S. 20-81.12. The money in the Fund shall be used by the Department
43 of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, for further distribution in
44 accordance with this section. Funds received by the Division of Social Services

1 pursuant to this section shall be distributed annually to nongovernmental, not-for-profit
2 agencies that provide pregnancy crisis services that are limited to counseling and
3 meeting the physical needs of pregnant women who are committed to either raising their
4 own children or placing their children for adoption. Funds received pursuant to this
5 section may not be distributed to any agency that is involved or associated with abortion
6 activities, including counseling for or referrals to abortion clinics, providing medical
7 abortion related procedures, or proabortion advertising, and these funds may not be
8 distributed to any agency that charges women for services received."

9 **SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.