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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, Edwards, Fellela, Azzinaro, and Malik

Date Introduced: January 10, 2013

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1   SECTION 1. Chapter 31-3 of the General Laws entitled "Registration of Vehicles" is

2   hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3   **31-3-94. Special plate for Choose Life. --** (a) The administrator of the division of motor

4   vehicles is empowered to make available Choose Life Rhode Island special motor vehicle

5   registration plates for passenger vehicles based upon the not-for-profit entity, CareNet - Rhode

6   Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rhode Island for any motor vehicle eligible for

7   registration as an automobile or commercial vehicle having a gross weight of ten thousand

8   pounds (10,000 lbs.), or less.

9   (b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the

10 vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the

11 registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be

12 removed from the vehicle and the registration certificate for the plates shall be carried in the

13 vehicle, in accordance with section 31-3-9. The administrator is hereby authorized to enter into

14 agreements for the use of the Choose Life kids logos and the Choose Life Rhode Island

15 registration plates.

16   (c) The Choose Life motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as regular motor vehicle

17 plates and shall be designed by Care-Net - Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of

18 Rhode Island in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with the design approved by the

19 Rhode Island state police.

1   (d) The Choose Life plates shall be subject to a minimum pre-paid order of at least nine

2   hundred (900) plates. Choose Life plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order

3   requirements are met.

4   (e) The administrator of motor vehicles shall develop application forms, prepayment

5   procedures and any other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

6   (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, Choose Life Rhode

7   Island plates shall be subject to a forty dollar ($40.00) issuance surcharge.

8   (g) The forty dollar ($40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty

9   dollars ($20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars ($20.00)

10   shall be distributed annually to Care-Net - Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of

11   Rhode Island to support the alternative choices of infant adoption and Rhode Island's Safe Haven

12   (general laws 23-13.1 -- 23-13.1-5). A ten dollar ($10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration

13   renewals shall be allocated to Care-Net - Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rhode

14   Island.

15   (h) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of Choose Life Rhode

16   Island plates, Care-Net - Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rhode Island must

17   use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and for the benefit of Rhode Island residents.

18   (i) Care-Net - Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rhode Island will be

19   required to submit an annual accounting report of the previous year's distributions before

20   additional Choose Life Rhode Island plate monies are distributed.

21   (j) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Choose Life Rhode Island plates.

22   SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION

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1   This act would authorize the division of motor vehicles to issue special license plates in

2   recognition of "Choose Life."

3   This act would take effect upon passage.

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