



**93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
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Introduced 2/6/2004, by Kirk W. Dillard

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

30 ILCS 105/5.625 new  
625 ILCS 5/3-663 new

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code and the State Finance Act. Creates the Choose Life Fund as a special fund in the State treasury. Provides for the issuance of special Choose Life license plates. Provides that the Secretary of State shall confer with Illinois Choose Life, Inc. of Illinois regarding the design, color, and format of the plates. Provides that, in addition to normal original issuance and renewal fees, a \$25 fee shall be charged for the special plates. Provides that \$10 of the additional initial fee and \$23 of the additional renewal fee shall be deposited into the Choose Life Fund, and \$15 of the additional original fee and \$2 of the additional renewal fee shall be deposited into the Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund. Provides that, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and approval by the Secretary of State, all moneys in the Choose Life Fund shall be distributed on a pro-rated basis at the beginning of each fiscal year to all non-governmental, not-for-profit agencies whose services include counseling and meeting the physical needs of pregnant women who are committed to placing their children for adoption. Establishes additional requirements for use of the moneys in the Fund. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning vehicles.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 5.625 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/5.625 new)

7 Sec. 5.625. The Choose Life Fund.

8 Section 10. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by adding  
9 Section 3-663 as follows:

10 (625 ILCS 5/3-663 new)

11 Sec. 3-663. Choose Life license plates.

12 (a) The Secretary, upon receipt of an application made in  
13 the form prescribed by the Secretary, may issue special  
14 registration plates designated as Choose Life license plates to  
15 any person who wishes to demonstrate support of organizations  
16 that encourage adoption as a positive choice for women with  
17 unplanned pregnancies. The special plates issued under this  
18 Section shall be affixed only to passenger vehicles of the  
19 first division and motor vehicles of the second division  
20 weighing not more than 8,000 pounds. Plates issued under this  
21 Section shall expire according to the multi-year procedure  
22 established by Section 3-414.1 of this Code.

23 (b) The Secretary shall confer with Illinois Choose Life,  
24 Inc. of Illinois regarding the design, color, and format of the  
25 plates, which shall carry the words "Choose Life". The  
26 Secretary may allow the plates to be issued as vanity plates or  
27 personalized plates under Section 3-405.1 of this Code. The  
28 Secretary shall prescribe stickers or decals as provided under  
29 Section 3-412 of this Code.

30 (c) An applicant for the special plates shall be charged a

1 \$25 fee for original issuance in addition to the appropriate  
2 registration fee. Of this \$25 fee, \$10 shall be deposited into  
3 the Choose Life Fund and \$15 shall be deposited into the  
4 Secretary of State Special License Plate Fund, to be used by  
5 the Secretary to help defray the administrative processing  
6 costs.

7 For each registration renewal period, a \$25 fee, in  
8 addition to the appropriate registration fee, shall be charged.  
9 Of this \$25 fee, \$23 shall be deposited into the Choose Life  
10 Fund and \$2 shall be deposited into the Secretary of State  
11 Special License Plate Fund.

12 (d) The Choose Life Fund is created as a special fund in  
13 the State treasury. All moneys in the Choose Life Fund shall,  
14 subject to appropriation by the General Assembly and approval  
15 by the Secretary, be distributed on a pro-rated basis at the  
16 beginning of each fiscal year to all non-governmental,  
17 not-for-profit agencies whose services include counseling and  
18 meeting the physical needs of pregnant women who are committed  
19 to placing their children for adoption. No moneys may be  
20 distributed to organizations described in subsection (f) of  
21 this Section. Moneys shall be distributed in direct proportion  
22 to the number of "Choose Life" registrations and renewals  
23 attributable to each county. Any unused moneys in excess of 10%  
24 of the moneys allocated to a non-profit organization shall be  
25 returned to the Choose Life Fund at the end of the fiscal year  
26 to be aggregated and distributed with the next fiscal year's  
27 distributions.

28 (e) To apply for and receive moneys available through the  
29 Choose Life Fund, an organization must deliver to the Secretary  
30 an affidavit signed by a duly appointed representative of the  
31 organization that states the following:

32 (1) The organization is a non-profit organization;

33 (2) The organization does not discriminate for any  
34 reason, including but not limited to race, marital status,  
35 gender, religion, national origin, handicap, or age;

36 (3) The organization is committed to counseling

1 pregnant women about the option of adoption;

2 (4) The organization is not involved or associated with  
3 any abortion activities, including counseling for or  
4 referrals to abortion clinics, providing medical  
5 abortion-related procedures, or pro-abortion advertising;

6 (5) The organization does not charge women for any  
7 services received;

8 (6) (i) The organization understands that no more than 60%  
9 of the moneys received can be used for the material needs  
10 of pregnant women who are committed to placing their  
11 children for adoption, including clothing, housing,  
12 medical care, food, utilities, and transportation. These  
13 moneys may also be expended on infants awaiting placement  
14 with adoptive parents.

15 (ii) Agencies that receive these moneys shall use  
16 no more than 40% of the moneys received to enhance  
17 their adoption efforts, including counseling,  
18 training, or advertising;

19 (7) These moneys may not be used for administrative  
20 expenses, legal expenses, or capital expenditures;

21 (8) The organization understands that any unused  
22 moneys at the end of the fiscal year that exceed 10% of the  
23 moneys received by the organization during the fiscal year  
24 must be returned to the Choose Life Fund to be aggregated  
25 and distributed with the next fiscal year's distribution;  
26 and

27 (9) The organization understands that each  
28 organization that receives moneys must submit to an annual  
29 audit of those moneys verifying that the moneys received  
30 were used in the manner described in this Section.

31 (f) Moneys in the Choose Life Fund may not be distributed  
32 to any organization involved or associated with any abortion  
33 activities, including counseling for or referrals to abortion  
34 clinics, providing medical abortion-related procedures, or  
35 pro-abortion advertising. Moneys may not be distributed to any  
36 organization that charges women for services received.

1       (g) Sixty percent of the moneys received from the Choose  
2 Life Fund can be used for the material needs of pregnant women  
3 who are committed to placing their children for adoption,  
4 including clothing, housing, medical care, food, utilities,  
5 and transportation. These moneys may also be expended on  
6 infants awaiting placement with adoptive parents. Agencies  
7 that receive these moneys shall use no more than 40% of the  
8 moneys received to enhance their adoption efforts, including  
9 counseling, training, or advertising. These moneys may not be  
10 used for administrative expenses, legal expenses, or capital  
11 expenditures.

12       (h) Each organization that receives moneys from the Choose  
13 Life Fund must submit to an annual audit of those moneys  
14 verifying that the moneys received were used in the manner  
15 described in this Section.

16       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
17 becoming law.