

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 211

BY SENATOR STINE

FEES/LICENSES/PERMITS. Provides for changes to the "Choose Life" special prestige license plate. (8/1/22)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 47:463.61(E)(2) and (3), to provide relative to the "Choose Life"
3 special prestige license plate; to add the needs of expectant mothers considering
4 parenting their child to the approved use of royalty fee; and to provide for related
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 47:463.61(E)(2) and (3) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
8 as follows:

9 §463.61. Special prestige license plates; "Choose Life"; distribution of royalty fees

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12 (2) An organization wishing to qualify for receipt of funds shall submit, to
13 the Louisiana Right To Life Education Committee, an affidavit affirming its
14 qualifications, which shall include a pledge to spend the money in accordance with
15 the provisions of this Section, and shall qualify as tax exempt under Section
16 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended. Furthermore, an
17 organization wishing to qualify for receipt of funds shall demonstrate that it provides

1 counseling and other services intended to meet the needs of expectant mothers
 2 considering adoption for their unborn child **and expectant mothers considering**
 3 **parenting their children**. No monies shall be distributed to any organization
 4 involved in, or associated with counseling for, or referrals to, abortion clinics,
 5 providing medical abortion-related procedures, or pro-abortion advertising.

6 (3) ~~Organization~~ **Organizations** receiving monies under this Section shall
 7 use at least fifty percent of such funds to provide for the material needs of expectant
 8 mothers considering adoption for their unborn child; **and for the material needs of**
 9 **expectant mothers considering parenting their children**, including clothing,
 10 house, medical care, food, utilities, and transportation. Such monies may also be
 11 used to meet the needs of infants awaiting placement with adoptive parents. The
 12 remaining funds may be used for counseling, training, and providing pregnancy
 13 testing, but shall not be used for administrative, legal, or capital expenditures.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Archana D. Cadge.

DIGEST

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Present law provides for the "Choose Life" special prestige license plate and further provides in order for organizations to qualify for proceeds from the plate, organizations must demonstrate they provide counseling and other services intended to provide for the material needs of expectant mothers considering adoption for their unborn child.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the funds distributed may also be used for expectant mothers considering parenting their child.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 47:463.61(E)(2) and (3))