

Amend CSSB 1704 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering existing SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION \_\_. (a) Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.304 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.304. CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specially designed license plates for passenger cars and light trucks that include the words "Choose Life."

(b) The department shall design the license plates in consultation with the attorney general.

(c) The department shall issue license plates under this section to a person who:

(1) applies to the county assessor-collector of the county in which the person resides on a form provided by the department; and

(2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

(d) Of each fee collected under this section, the department shall credit:

(1) 50 cents from its administrative costs to the county treasurer of the applicable county, who shall credit the money to the general fund of the county to defray costs to the county of administering this section;

(2) \$7.50 to the credit of the state highway fund, that may be appropriated only to the department to defray costs to the department of administering this section; and

(3) \$22 to the credit of the Choose Life account established by Section 402.031, Government Code.

(e) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner shall return the special license plates to the department.

(f) If a license plate issued under this section is lost, stolen, or mutilated, an application for a replacement plate must be accompanied by the fee prescribed by Section 502.184(a)(2).

(g) The department may not issue a replacement set of personalized license plates under this section to the same person before the sixth anniversary of the date of issuance unless the applicant for issuance of the replacement plates pays an additional fee of \$30.

(h) Section 504.002(6) does not apply to license plates designed and issued under this section.

(b) SECTION 6 of this Act does not apply to Section 502.304, Transportation Code, as added by Subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Government Code, is amended by adding Sections 402.031 and 402.032 to read as follows:

Sec. 402.031. CHOOSE LIFE ACCOUNT. (a) The Choose Life account is a separate account in the general revenue fund. The account is composed of:

(1) money deposited to the credit of the account under Section 502.304, Transportation Code; and

(2) gifts, grants, donations, and legislative appropriations.

(b) The attorney general administers the Choose Life account. The attorney general may spend money credited to the account only to:

(1) make grants to an eligible organization; and

(2) defray the cost of administering the account.

(c) The attorney general may not discriminate against an eligible organization because it is a religious or nonreligious organization.

(d) The attorney general may accept gifts, donations, and grants from any source for the benefit of the account.

(e) The attorney general by rule shall establish:

(1) guidelines for the expenditure of money credited to the Choose Life account; and

(2) reporting and other mechanisms necessary to ensure that the money is spent in accordance with this section.

(f) Of any money received by an eligible organization under this section, at least 50 percent must be spent to provide for the material needs of pregnant women who are considering placing their children for adoption, including the provision of clothing,

housing, prenatal care, food, utilities, and transportation, and to provide for the needs of infants who are awaiting placement with adoptive parents. The remainder may be used to provide counseling, training, and pregnancy testing, but may not be used to pay an administrative, legal, or capital expense.

(g) In this section, "eligible organization" means an organization in this state that:

(1) qualifies as a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(2) provides counseling and material assistance to pregnant women who are considering placing their children for adoption;

(3) does not charge for services provided;

(4) does not provide abortions or abortion-related services or make referrals to abortion providers; and

(5) is not affiliated with an organization that provides abortions or abortion-related services or makes referrals to abortion providers.

Sec. 402.032. CHOOSE LIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The attorney general shall appoint a seven-member Choose Life advisory committee.

(b) The committee shall:

(1) meet at least twice a year or as called by the attorney general;

(2) assist the attorney general in developing rules under Section 402.031(e); and

(3) review and make recommendations to the attorney general on applications submitted to the attorney general for grants funded with money credited to the Choose Life account.

(c) Members of the committee serve without compensation and are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses. Each member serves a term of four years, with the terms of three or four members expiring on January 31 of each odd-numbered year.