

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB768

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 09, 2016
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Garrett
One Liner: Provide for Choose Life License Plates

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Smith, Murante, Seiler, McCoy, Garrett, Friesen, Davis, Brasch
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Tommy Garrett
Mike Foley

Bob Blank
Nate Grasz
Tom Venzor
Vicki Hahn

Representing:

Introducer
Office of the Governor and Office of the Lieutenant Governor
Choose Life Nebraska
Nebraska Family Alliance
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill creates the "Choose Life" specialty license plate. The Department of Motor Vehicles is to create a design that reflects support for the protection of Nebraska's children, both born and unborn. The plate shall be a 5 digit alphanumeric plate or a 5 character personalized message plate.

Additionally, the bill creates the Choose Life Pregnancy and Adoption Fund. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and shall be used to provide grants to qualified organizations for counseling, training, pregnancy testing, or other material needs of pregnant women.

Additional fees

In addition to all other fees charged to register a vehicle, the following fee shall be paid upon initial issuance and annual renewal:

Alphanumeric design- \$5, to be deposited to the Choose Life Pregnancy and Adoption Fund; and

Personalized Message Design- \$40, to be deposited to the Choose Life Pregnancy and Adoption Fund.

Committee Amendment adopted.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee considered and adopted an amendment which:

- 1) Modifies the purpose of the bill from reflecting support for the protection of Nebraska's children, both born and unborn to reflecting support for the protection of Nebraska's children; and
- 2) Removes references to the Choose Life Pregnancy and Adoption Fund.

The amendment creates the Chose Life Prenatal Care Fund. The Fund shall be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and shall be used for prenatal health services as long as the health care provider does not perform abortions.

Jim Smith, Chairperson