

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB46**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 17, 2017  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Watermeier  
**One Liner:** Provide for Choose Life License Plates

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Bostelman, Briese, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Murante, Hughes, Smith  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Sen. Dan Watermeier  
Lt. Gov. Mike Foley  
Bob Blank  
Karen Bowling  
Jeff Kanger  
Paige Edwards

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Office of the Governor and Office of the Lt. Governor  
Choose Life Nebraska  
Nebraska Family Alliance  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
UNL Students for Life

**Opponents:**

Meg Mikolajczyk  
Michele Tilley  
Courtney Lawton  
Mary Herres  
Melody Vaccaro  
Amanda Gailey  
Kate Speicher  
Jacob Dawson  
Janet Price  
Emma Craig  
Susan Reff  
Kelsey Connelly  
Nancy Meyer  
Laura Erickson  
John Ficenec  
Kate High  
Kamryn Sannicks  
Anne DeVries  
Sue Ellen Wall

**Representing:**

Planned Parenthood of the Heartland  
Self  
Self  
Self  
Nebraskans Against Gun Violence  
Self  
Self  
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**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**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. The plate shall be a 5 digit alphanumeric plate or a 5 character personalized message plate.

The license plate will be available for issuance beginning January 1, 2018.

**Additional Fees:**

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

Alphanumeric design- \$5, to be deposited to the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund; and

Personalized Message Design- \$40; \$30 to be deposited to the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund and \$10 to be deposited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

If the cost of manufacture of the Choose Life license plates exceeds the amount charged by the department when new plates are issued (an amount not to exceed \$3.50) the difference between the actual cost of manufacture and the issuance fee shall be deducted from any amount to be paid into the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund and shall be deposited to the Highway Trust Fund.

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Curt Friesen, Chairperson