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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

Introduced By: Representatives Corvese, Schadone, Brien, Edwards, and Flaherty

Date Introduced: January 18, 2012

Referred To: House Judiciary

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 31-3 of the General Laws entitled "Registration of Vehicles" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **31-3-92. Special plate for Choose Life. -- (a) The administrator of the division of motor**  
4 **vehicles is empowered to make available Choose Life Rhode Island special motor vehicle**  
5 **registration plates for passenger vehicles based upon the not-for-profit entity, the Knights of**  
6 **Columbus of Rhode Island for any motor vehicle eligible for registration as an automobile or**  
7 **commercial vehicle having a gross weight of ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.), or less.**

8           **(b) The special plate shall be displayed upon the same registration number assigned to the**  
9 **vehicle for which it was issued and shall be used in place of and in the same manner as the**  
10 **registration plates issued to the vehicle. The original registration plates for the vehicle shall be**  
11 **removed from the vehicle and the registration certificate for the plates shall be carried in the**  
12 **vehicle, in accordance with section 31-3-9. The administrator is hereby authorized to enter into**  
13 **agreements for the use of the Choose Life kids logos and the Choose Life Rhode Island**  
14 **registration plates.**

15           **(c) The Choose Life motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as regular motor vehicle**  
16 **plates and shall be designed by the Knights of Columbus Choose Life committee in conjunction**  
17 **with the division of motor vehicles, with the design approved by the Rhode Island state police.**

18           **(d) The Choose Life plates shall be subject to a minimum pre-paid order of at least nine**  
19 **hundred (900) plates. Choose Life plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order**

1 requirements are met.

2 (e) The administrator of motor vehicles shall develop application forms, prepayment  
3 procedures and any other procedures deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

4 (f) In addition to the regular prescribed motor vehicle registration fee, Choose Life Rhode  
5 Island plates shall be subject to a forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge.

6 (g) The forty dollar (\$40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty  
7 dollars (\$20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars (\$20.00)  
8 shall be distributed annually to the Knights of Columbus Choose Life account in furtherance of  
9 one of their missions of assisting pregnant women and their unborn and newborn infants via non-  
10 government funded programs that provide free services that promote and support the alternative  
11 choices of infant adoption and Rhode Island's Safe Haven (general laws 23-13.1 -- 23-13.1-5). A  
12 ten dollar (\$10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated to the  
13 Knights of Columbus Choose Life account.

14 (h) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of Choose Life Rhode  
15 Island plates, the Knights of Columbus must use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and for the  
16 benefit of Rhode Island residents.

17 (i) The Knights of Columbus will be required to submit an annual accounting report of  
18 the previous year's distributions before additional Choose Life Rhode Island plate monies are  
19 distributed.

20 (j) There shall be no refunds for early cancellation of Choose Life Rhode Island plates.

21 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would authorize the division of motor vehicles to issue special license plates in
- 2 recognition of "Choose Life."
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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