It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

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

31-3-94. Special plate for Choose Life. -- (a) The administrator of the division of motor vehicles is empowered to make available Choose Life Rhode Island special motor vehicle registration plates for passenger vehicles based upon the not-for-profit entity, CareNet- Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rhode Island for any motor vehicle eligible for registration as an automobile or commercial vehicle having a gross weight of ten thousand pounds (10,000 lbs.), or less.

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

(c) The Choose Life motor vehicle plates shall be the same size as regular motor vehicle plates and shall be designed by Care-Net - Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rhode Island in conjunction with the division of motor vehicles, with the design approved by the Rhode Island state police.
(d) The Choose Life plates shall be subject to a minimum pre-paid order of at least nine hundred (900) plates. Choose Life plates shall not be issued unless the minimum order requirements are met.

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

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

(g) The forty dollar ($40.00) issuance surcharge shall be allocated as follows: twenty dollars ($20.00) shall be allocated to the general fund and the remaining twenty dollars ($20.00) shall be distributed annually to Care-Net - Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rhode Island to support the alternative choices of infant adoption and Rhode Island’s Safe Haven (general laws 23-13.1 -- 23-13.1-5). A ten dollar ($10.00) surcharge for subsequent registration renewals shall be allocated to Care-Net - Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rhode Island.

(h) In consideration of the receipt of funds from the registration of Choose Life Rhode Island plates, Care-Net - Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rhode Island must use any Rhode Island sourced funds in and for the benefit of Rhode Island residents.

(i) Care-Net - Rhode Island d/b/a CareNet Pregnancy Center of Rhode Island will be required to submit an annual accounting report of the previous year’s distributions before additional Choose Life Rhode Island plate monies are distributed.

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

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
AN ACT
RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES

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

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