

Senate Bill 69

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Schaefer of the 50th, Stephens of the 27th, Smith of the 52nd, Rogers of the 21st and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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2 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
3 relating to prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, so as to  
4 provide for special and distinctive Choose Life, Inc., license plates; to provide for issuance,  
5 renewal, fees, licensing agreements, applications, transfers, and disposition of funds relative  
6 to such license plates; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
7 purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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**SECTION 1.**

10 Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 40 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
11 prestige license plates and special plates for certain persons and vehicles, is amended by  
12 adding a new Code Section 40-2-86.10 to read as follows:

13 "40-2-86.10.

14 (a) The commissioner, in cooperation with Choose Life, Inc., shall design a special license  
15 plate to be issued displaying the Choose Life, Inc., logo. The words 'Choose Life' must  
16 appear at the bottom. The Choose Life, Inc., license plates must be of the same size as  
17 general issue motor vehicle license plates and shall include a unique design and identifying  
18 number, whereby the total number of characters does not exceed six. It shall not be a  
19 requirement that a county name decal shall be fixed and displayed on license plates issued  
20 under this Code section.

21 (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Code section, this Code section shall  
22 not be implemented until such time as the State of Georgia has, through a licensing  
23 agreement or otherwise, received such licenses or other permissions as may be required to  
24 implement this Code section. The design of the initial edition of the Choose Life, Inc.,  
25 license plates, as well as the design of subsequent editions and excepting only any part or  
26 parts of the designs owned by others and licensed to the state, shall be owned solely by the  
27 State of Georgia for its exclusive use and control, except as authorized by the  
28 commissioner. The commissioner may take such steps as may be necessary to give notice

1 of and protect such right, including the copyright or copyrights. However, such steps shall  
2 be cumulative of the ownership and exclusive use and control established by this  
3 subsection as a matter of law, and no person shall reproduce or otherwise use such design  
4 or designs, except as authorized by the commissioner.

5 (c) Beginning in calendar year 2006, any Georgia resident who is the owner of a motor  
6 vehicle, except a vehicle registered under the International Registration Plan, upon  
7 complying with the motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor  
8 vehicles and upon the payment of a manufacturing fee of \$25.00 in addition to the regular  
9 motor vehicle registration fee, shall be issued a Choose Life, Inc., license plate. Special  
10 license plates issued under this Code section shall be renewed annually with a revalidation  
11 decal as provided in Code Section 40-2-31 upon payment of an additional \$25.00 annual  
12 registration fee, which fee shall be collected by the county tag agent at the time of  
13 collection of other registration fees and remitted to the state as provided in Code Section  
14 40-2-34.

15 (d) An applicant may request a Choose Life, Inc., license plate any time during the  
16 applicant's registration period. If such a license plate is to replace a current valid license  
17 plate, the Choose Life, Inc., license plate shall be issued with appropriate decals attached.

18 (e) Choose Life, Inc., license plates shall be transferred from one vehicle to another  
19 vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Code Section 40-2-42.

20 (f) Choose Life, Inc., license plates shall be issued within 30 days of application."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.