



## **H.B. 88**

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(As Introduced)

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### **BILL SUMMARY**

- Authorizes the issuance of a "Choose Life" license plate bearing an identifying marking designed by Heartbeat International, Inc., and approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.
- Requires the Registrar to collect a contribution in the amount of \$15 plus a \$10 processing fee for each application for registration and registration renewal that involves "Choose Life" license plates.
- Requires the contributions collected from persons who are issued the license plates to be deposited into the "Choose Life" License Plate Fund, which the bill creates, and paid to Heartbeat International, Inc.

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### **CONTENT AND OPERATION**

Under the bill, the owner or lessee of any passenger car, noncommercial motor vehicle, motor home, or other vehicle of a class approved by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles may apply to the Registrar for the registration of the vehicle and issuance of "Choose Life" license plates. The application for "Choose Life" license plates may be combined with a request for a special reserved license plate provided in current law. Upon receipt of the completed application and compliance with the requirements of the bill, the Registrar is required to issue to the applicant the appropriate vehicle registration and a set of "Choose Life" license plates with a validation sticker, or a validation sticker alone when required by current law.

In addition to the letters and numbers ordinarily inscribed on license plates, "Choose Life" license plates must be inscribed with the words "Choose Life" and a

marking designed by Heartbeat International, Inc., and approved by the Registrar. The license plates must bear county identification stickers that identify the county of registration by name or number. (Sec. 4503.74(A).)

"Choose Life" license plates and a validation sticker are issued upon receipt of a contribution of \$15 as provided in the bill (see below); payment of the regular license tax prescribed in current law, any applicable local motor vehicle tax, and a fee of \$10 for the purpose of compensating the Bureau of Motor Vehicles for additional services required in the issuing of "Choose Life" license plates; and compliance with all other applicable laws relating to the registration of motor vehicles. If the application for "Choose Life" license plates is combined with a request for a special reserved license plate, the license plates and validation sticker must be issued upon payment of the taxes, fees, and contribution specified in the bill and the additional fee prescribed for special reserved license plates. (Sec. 4503.74(B) and (C).)

For each application for registration and registration renewal that the Registrar receives under the bill, the Registrar is required to collect a contribution of \$15 and transmit it to the Treasurer of State for deposit in the "Choose Life" License Plate Fund, which the bill creates (see below). The Registrar also is required to deposit into the existing State Bureau of Motor Vehicles Fund the additional \$10 fee that the applicant pays for the purpose of compensating the Bureau for the additional services required in the issuing of license plates under the bill. (Sec. 4503.74(C).)

The bill creates in the state treasury the "Choose Life" License Plate Fund, consisting of the contributions that are paid to the Registrar by applicants who elect to obtain "Choose Life" license plates. The contributions deposited in the Fund must be paid to the organization Heartbeat International, Inc., a private, nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of this state. Heartbeat International, Inc., is required to use the contributions to pay program expenses of crisis pregnancy centers in Ohio that are affiliated with that organization. All investment earnings of the Fund must be credited to the Fund. (Sec. 4501.39.)

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