

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB768

Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing:

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 768 requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to design license plates to be known as "Choose Life" License Plates. The design shall reflect support for the protection of Nebraska's children, both born and unborn. The department shall make applications available for "Choose Life" License Plates once they are designed.

Alphanumeric "Choose Life" License Plates shall be made available with up to 5 characters and no county designation. In addition to all other fees required for registration under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, "Choose Life" license plates shall be accompanied by a fee of \$5 for initial issuance and renewal.

Personalized message plates with up to 5 characters and no county designation, may be obtained after paying an additional fee of \$40 for initial issuance and renewal.

The bill also creates "The Choose Life Pregnancy and Adoption Fund," which will be administered by Nebraska's Department of Health & Human Services to provide grants to 501(c)(3) organizations that provide counseling, training, pregnancy testing, clothing, housing, prenatal care, food, utilities and transportation or other material needs of pregnant women who are considering placing their children up for adoption.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tommy Garrett