



ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 163 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Patrick J. Colbeck

Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- -- Require the Secretary of State (SOS), by June 1, 2018, to develop and issue a fund-raising license plate recognizing the Choose Life Michigan Fund.
- -- Create the "Choose Life Fund" and require donations for the plates to be deposited into the Fund.
- -- Require the money in the proposed Fund to be disbursed to the Choose Life Michigan Fund for distribution to eligible nonprofit organizations that promote life-affirming choices.

"Eligible nonprofit organizations" would include crisis pregnancy centers, homes for pregnant women, and other organizations that provide practical support to pregnant women, provide outreach to at-risk populations, and promote life-affirming programs and projects.

"Life-affirming programs and projects" would include media campaigns; specialty outreach to at-risk populations, including minorities, teenagers, and college-aged women; campaigns to promote adoption; and suicide prevention.

Proposed MCL 257.811aa

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would create a start-up cost to the Department of State; however, the current estimated three-year average start-up fee of \$15,000 would have to be paid to the Department of State from the Choose Life Fund proposed by the bill. The revenue generated from the fund-raising license plate would be deposited into the Fund, after which the State Treasurer would disburse payments from the Fund on a yearly basis to the Choose Life Michigan Fund.

The bill would have no fiscal impact on local government.

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