



FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. _____

BY: Phillips

1 Amend C.S.H.B. No. 3097 by adding the following SECTION to
2 Part E, Article 2, of the bill, appropriately numbered, and
3 renumbering existing SECTIONS accordingly:

4 SECTION 2E.____. (a) Subchapter G, Chapter 504,
5 Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.659 to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 504.659. CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
8 department shall issue specially designed license plates that
9 include the words "Choose Life." The department shall design
10 the license plates in consultation with the attorney general.

11 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
12 costs, the department shall deposit the remainder of the fee for
13 issuance of license plates under this section in the state
14 treasury to the credit of the Choose Life account established by
15 Section 402.035, Government Code.

16 (b) Subchapter B, Chapter 402, Government Code, is amended
17 by adding Sections 402.035 and 402.036 to read as follows:

18 Sec. 402.035. CHOOSE LIFE ACCOUNT. (a) The Choose Life
19 account is a separate account in the general revenue fund. The
20 account is composed of:

21 (1) money deposited to the credit of the account
22 under Section 504.659, Transportation Code; and

23 (2) gifts, grants, donations, and legislative
24 appropriations.

25 (b) The attorney general administers the Choose Life
26 account. The attorney general may spend money credited to the
27 account only to:

28 (1) make grants to an eligible organization; and

29 (2) defray the cost of administering the account.

1 (c) The attorney general may not discriminate against an
2 eligible organization because it is a religious or nonreligious
3 organization.

4 (d) The attorney general may accept gifts, donations, and
5 grants from any source for the benefit of the account.

6 (e) The attorney general by rule shall establish:

7 (1) guidelines for the expenditure of money credited
8 to the Choose Life account; and

9 (2) reporting and other mechanisms necessary to
10 ensure that the money is spent in accordance with this section.

11 (f) Money received by an eligible organization under this
12 section may be spent only to provide for the material needs of
13 pregnant women who are considering placing their children for
14 adoption, including the provision of clothing, housing, prenatal
15 care, food, utilities, and transportation, to provide for the
16 needs of infants who are awaiting placement with adoptive
17 parents, to provide training and advertising relating to
18 adoption, and to provide pregnancy testing or preadoption or
19 postadoption counseling, but may not be used to pay an
20 administrative, legal, or capital expense.

21 (g) In this section, "eligible organization" means an
22 organization in this state that:

23 (1) qualifies as a charitable organization under
24 Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

25 (2) provides counseling and material assistance to
26 pregnant women who are considering placing their children for
27 adoption;

28 (3) does not charge for services provided;

29 (4) does not provide abortions or abortion-related
30 services or make referrals to abortion providers;

31 (5) is not affiliated with an organization that

1 provides abortions or abortion-related services or makes
2 referrals to abortion providers; and

3 (6) does not contract with an organization that
4 provides abortions or abortion-related services or makes
5 referrals to abortion providers.

6 Sec. 402.036. CHOOSE LIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The
7 attorney general shall appoint a seven-member Choose Life
8 advisory committee.

9 (b) The committee shall:

10 (1) meet at least twice a year or as called by the
11 attorney general;

12 (2) assist the attorney general in developing rules
13 under Section 402.035(e); and

14 (3) review and make recommendations to the attorney
15 general on applications submitted to the attorney general for
16 grants funded with money credited to the Choose Life account.

17 (c) Members of the committee serve without compensation
18 and are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses. Each member
19 serves a term of four years, with the terms of three or four
20 members expiring on January 31 of each odd-numbered year.