

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2009 SESSION

CHAPTER 755

An Act to authorize the issuance of special license plates promoting tourism and conservation on the Northern Neck, for supporters of the Shenandoah National Park Trust, and for supporters of the Choose Life Virginia Fund, and to repeal § 46.2-749.49:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to special license plates for supporters of the Shenandoah National Park Association.

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Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Special license plates promoting tourism and conservation on the Northern Neck; fees.

A. On receipt of an application and payment of the fee prescribed by this section, and following the provisions of § 46.2-725 of the Code of Virginia other than those relating to the fee for the plates and its disposition, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue to the applicant special license plates promoting tourism and conservation on the Northern Neck.

B. The annual fee for plates issued pursuant to this section shall be \$25 in addition to the prescribed fee for state license plates. For each such \$25 fee collected in excess of 1,000 registrations pursuant to this section, \$15 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to a special nonreverting fund known as the Northern Neck Land Conservancy Fund established within the Department of Accounts. These funds shall be paid annually to the Northern Neck Land Conservancy and used to support its operation and programs. All other fees imposed under the provisions of this section shall be paid to, and received by, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and paid by him into the state treasury and set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the necessary expenses incurred by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

§ 2. Special license plates for supporters of the Shenandoah National Park Trust; fees.

A. On receipt of an application and payment of the fee prescribed by this section, and following the provisions of § 46.2-725 of the Code of Virginia other than those relating to the fee for the plates and its disposition, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue special license plates to and supporters of the Shenandoah National Park Trust.

B. The annual fee for plates issued pursuant to this section shall be \$25 in addition to the prescribed fee for state license plates. For each such \$25 fee collected in excess of 1,000 registrations pursuant to this section, \$15 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to a special nonreverting fund known as the Shenandoah National Park Trust Fund established within the Department of Accounts. These funds shall be paid annually to the Shenandoah National Park Trust and used to support its activities and programs in the Commonwealth. All other fees imposed under the provisions of this section shall be paid to, and received by, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and paid by him into the state treasury and set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the necessary expenses incurred by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

§ 3. Special license plates for supporters of the Choose Life Virginia Fund; fees.

A. On receipt of an application and payment of the fee prescribed by this section, and following the provisions of § 46.2-725 of the Code of Virginia other than those relating to the fee for the license plates and its disposition, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles shall issue special license plates bearing the legend CHOOSE LIFE to supporters of the Choose Life Virginia Fund, prescribed in subsection B.

B. The annual fee for license plates issued pursuant to this section shall be \$25 in addition to the prescribed fee for state license plates. For each such \$25 fee collected in excess of 1,000 registrations pursuant to this section, \$15 shall be paid into the state treasury and credited to a special nonreverting fund known as the Choose Life Virginia Fund established within the Department of Accounts. These funds shall be paid annually to Heartbeat International, Inc., to be distributed in equal grants to pregnancy center locations in Virginia that are tax exempt organizations under § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and officially committed to Heartbeat International's "Our Commitment of Care" standards. Choose Life Virginia Fund distributed funds are to be used to provide services to pregnant women and women who suspect that they may be pregnant in Virginia and may be refused within 60 days by return to the Choose Life Virginia Fund. The Commissioner shall provide annually to Heartbeat International, Inc., a summary report for the annual reporting period containing (i) Choose Life Virginia initial plate issuances and renewals (both counts and dollars) and (ii) the return address to be used if a pregnancy center location wishes to refuse to receive Choose Life Virginia funds. All other fees imposed under the provisions of this section shall be paid to, and received by, the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and paid by him into the state treasury and set aside as a special fund to be used to meet the necessary expenses incurred by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

2. That § 46.2-749.49:1 of the Code of Virginia is repealed.

3. That, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this act, special license plates issued to supporters of the Shenandoah National Park Association pursuant to § 46.2-749.49:1 of the Code of Virginia prior to July 1, 2009, shall remain valid until their expiration date, but shall be renewed thereafter under the provisions of subsection B of § 2 of this act.