

HB 2527 -- Alternatives to Abortion

Sponsor: Sander

This bill creates the Missouri Alternatives to Abortion Services Support Fund to promote childbirth and alternatives to abortions by funding grants to or contracts with qualified agencies to provide alternatives to abortion services. Grants and contracts cannot be given to persons or agencies that perform, induce, or refer abortions.

The bill allows for a special license plate designated "Choose Life." To obtain this plate, a person must make at least a \$25 contribution to the fund, or at least a \$50 contribution for a biennial registration, in addition to the registration fee and any other documents required by law.

The Choose Life Commission is established within the Office of Administration consisting of one person who demonstrates pro-life principles from each Congressional district appointed by the Governor to a four-year term with equal political party representation. The commission must meet every quarter and will oversee the fund, consult with agencies to determine the effectiveness and need for alternatives to abortion services, facilitate information exchange and coordination between agencies that have respect for human life programs, develop an informational campaign, establish a web site, and make statutory recommendations. The commission must submit an annual report of its activities to the President Pro Tem of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Governor before December 31.