

## Virginia Pregnancy Center Locations Eligible to Receive Choose Life License Plate Proceeds

**VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2009 SESSION** contains the criteria for distribution of Choose Life License Plate funds and is viewable on this link: <http://leg1.state.va.us/cgi-bin/legp504.exe?091+ful+CHAP0755+pdf>

The following extract is from Section 3 Subsection B:

*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.*

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 should contact Heartbeat International to confirm their status prior to the annual distribution of funds.

The Commonwealth of Virginia fiscal year runs July 1- June 30. The annual distribution to Heartbeat will take place after the fiscal year end.

The Heartbeat International website address is:

<http://www.heartbeatinternational.org/>

The Commitment of Care is here:

[http://www.heartbeatinternational.org/pdf/Our\\_Compmitment\\_%20of\\_Care\\_and\\_Compentence.pdf](http://www.heartbeatinternational.org/pdf/Our_Compmitment_%20of_Care_and_Compentence.pdf)