

HB 611 -- Special License Plate

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This bill allows for a special license plate. The license plate will bear the words "RESPECT LIFE" and an image of a single red rose.

To obtain this plate, a person must get an emblem-use authorization statement from the Missouri Alternatives to Abortion Support Fund, which is created, upon the payment of a fee of \$25 per set of plates if annually registered or \$50 if biennially registered. The authorization statement will be presented to the Department of Revenue at the time of registration. The fee charged for personalized plates will not apply to this plate, and there will be no limit on the number of sets of plates issued.

The General Assembly may appropriate moneys annually from the Missouri Alternatives to Abortion Support Fund to the Department of Revenue to offset costs incurred for collecting and transferring contributions. Until the amount in this fund exceeds \$1,000,000, not more than half of the money credited to the fund plus all investment earnings credited to the fund during the previous fiscal year will be available for disbursement. When the State Treasurer certifies that assets in the fund exceed \$1,000,000, all earnings plus future credits to the fund from all sources will be available for disbursement. The bill spells out how the fund will be used.