



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2013 Assembly Bill 206

Assembly Amendments 1 & 3

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2013 Assembly Bill 206 establishes an authorized special group, enumerated in state law, for persons interested in obtaining a special registration plate displaying the words “Choose Life” and that provides funding to support Choose Life Wisconsin. In addition to the regular registration fee, special group members are required to pay a \$15 fee for the issuance or reissuance of the special plates, and a \$25 annual payment that serves as a donation to Choose Life Wisconsin. Under the bill, the Department of Transportation (DOT) first covers its costs of production from these donations and then directs the remainder to Choose Life Wisconsin. The amount that DOT withholds to cover its costs is the lesser of \$23,700 or DOT’s initial costs of production of these special plates.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Under Assembly Amendment 1, DOT does not issue or begin development work on the Choose Life special registration plates until DOT receives contributions totaling the lesser of \$23,700 or DOT’s final estimate of its initial costs of production of the special plates. The amendment also provides that these development costs are funded only from DOT’s appropriation for gifts and donations, rather than DOT’s appropriation for Department of Motor Vehicle operations. There is a June 30, 2017 deadline for DOT to receive the contributions necessary to produce the Choose Life plates. If DOT does not receive sufficient contributions by this date, DOT will not develop them and must promptly return to each contributor his or her contributions, minus up to \$2.50 to cover the costs associated with returning the contributions. If DOT receives sufficient contributions by the deadline, it will begin issuing Choose Life plates to persons who request them and the full amount of the \$25 annual payment will be directed to Choose Life Wisconsin.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 3

Under Assembly Amendment 3, Choose Life Wisconsin may not expend any payments it receives from the sale of Choose Life registration plates for any lobbying activities.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Jacque offered Assembly Amendment 1 to Assembly Bill 206 on September 20, 2013. Representatives Bernard Schaber, Danou, Kolste, and Riemer, offered Assembly Amendment 3 on September 30, 2013. On November 12, 2013, the Assembly Committee on Transportation voted to recommend adoption of Assembly Amendments 1 and 3, both on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 1. On the same day, the committee voted to recommend passage of Assembly Bill 206, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 5.

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