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US appeals court weighs 'Choose Life' car plates

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - State motor vehicle agencies can raise money by offering special license plates that boast the name of an alumni, veterans or nonprofit group.

But the effort has caused states some legal headaches as well. Anti-abortion groups in several states are filing suit to demand plates with a "Choose Life" tagline.

In a case before a federal appeals court Tuesday, officials from New Jersey say that slogan does not meet program guidelines. A New-York anti-abortion group called the Children First Foundation accuses the state of violating its free-speech rights.

Federal courts around the country have split on the issue. The three-judge panel did not indicate when it would rule on the New Jersey case.

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