

## Planned Parenthood caught running illegal abortion facilities in Texas

### LAST MONTH

We spoke too soon. As the last month's edition of the *Write for Life* went to press, it appeared that the Texas Legislature would authorize the creation of the *Choose Life* specialty license plates.



**Because of controversies unrelated to this issue, the *Choose Life* license plate did not pass.** The bill had been amended by pro-life legislators onto a "must pass" bill to reauthorize the Texas Department of Transportation. That bill did not pass, forcing Gov. Perry to call a special session to address the narrow issue of extending by two years the date at which TxDOT and several other agencies expire.

The next legislative opportunity for creating the *Choose Life* license plates will be in January 2011 at the next session. Texas Alliance for Life is already at work preparing.

Visit [www.TexasAllianceforLife.org](http://www.TexasAllianceforLife.org) for more info.

### THIS MONTH

**Planned Parenthood has been caught performing abortions in unlicensed abortion facilities in San Antonio.** In March, members of the Texas Conservative Coalition, a legislative caucus, wrote to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) calling attention to the fact that several Planned Parenthood facilities were advertising abortions but had no license to perform abortions, a clear violation of state law. DSHS acted quickly. They investigated and found four facilities in San Antonio performing abortions without a license.

The four facilities are:

- Planned Parenthood Northeast Sexual Healthcare, 11514 Perrin Beitel,
- Planned Parenthood Marbach Sexual Healthcare, 8725 Marbach Road, Ste. 215,

- Planned Parenthood Southeast Sexual Healthcare, 2346 E. Southcross, and
- Planned Parenthood Bandera Road Sexual Healthcare, 6749 Bandera Road.

At its Babcock Sexual Healthcare location, at 104 Babcock Rd, Planned Parenthood performed abortions with a license but had been illegally reporting abortions for the other facilities.

**In June, DSHS sent "notice of violation" letters to the five Planned Parenthood facilities assessing penalties totalling \$109,000** for performing abortions without a license, for failure to properly report abortions, and for unpaid license fees.

**This month we ask you to urge DSHS to continue to investigate Planned Parenthood and fine them to the fullest extent of the law.**

**SAMPLE LETTER -- please use your own words.**

*David L. Lakey, M.D., Commissioner  
Department of State Health Services  
PO Box 149347  
Austin, TX 78714*

*Dear Dr. Lakey,*

*Thank you for investigating Planned Parenthood for illegally performing abortions in unlicensed abortion facilities. I urge you to enforce the law to the fullest extent possible. Planned Parenthood has violated the public trust and has endangered the lives and safety of women by illegally operating unlicensed abortion facilities. Who can tell how many women have been harmed because of substandard safety standards at the unlicensed facilities?*

*Sincerely,  
Your name & address*