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court ruled that a New Hampshire couple, George and Maxine Maynard, had a right to cover up the New Hampshire slogan "Live Free or Die" on their license plates. The Maynards, Jehovah's Witnesses, said the slogan violated their religious principles.

Yesterday, Judge Hancock did not comment on Miss Collins' arguments. He imposed a \$25 fine. Miss

Collins said she would not pay the fine and would appeal the case to the state Court of Appeals.

She said police have stopped her three times since May 6 and have issued citations for the incomplete sticker. She said she will also take those citations to court.

Fairfax County officials said yesterday that the slogan was meant not as an ideological viewpoint, but as a statement of historical fact. The Declaration of Rights, written by George Mason, whose Gunston Hall residence is in the county, served as a basis for the Bill of Rights.

Pro-lifer tagged for sticking to her views

By Frank Wolfe
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For most, it's just a piece of paper. But for ChristyAnne Marie Collins, it's a matter of principle — and life.

Miss Collins says she cut out the portion of her Fairfax County personal property tax sticker that reads "Home of the Bill of Rights" because of her pro-life stance. Yesterday, the 35-year-old Annandale woman appeared in Fairfax County Circuit Court to contest a May 6 traffic stop for failure to have the sticker visibly displayed on her car.

Officer David A. Butchko testified he stopped Miss Collins on that date for not having a complete sticker on the windshield of her 1985 Oldsmobile Firenza. Miss Collins opened her glove compartment to show him the section she had cut out and said she would display only the numbers proving 1990 purchase.

Officer Butchko issued a ticket to Miss Collins for "improper display of county tag."

Miss Collins, who runs Sanctity of Life Ministries, a crisis pregnancy center in Annandale, said she refuses to display the county slogan. "I believe the county has a right to assess the tax," she said, but she added she will not act as a "mobile billboard for the state's message."

The "Bill of Rights died on January 22, 1973," she told Judge Quinlan H. Hancock in her defense. On that date the Supreme Court issued the Roe vs. Wade ruling, which found a constitutional right to abortion.

Miss Collins cited the precedent of a 1977 Supreme Court decision, *Maynard vs. Wooley*. In that case, the

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