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BILL NO. Senate Bill 1091

PRINTER NO. 1576

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

March 22, 2018

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Martin

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 1091 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide for contributions for pediatric cancer research and to establish the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.

This legislation adds a new §1321 (relating to contributions for pediatric cancer research). It provides that within one year of the effective date, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (department) shall provide for all of the following:

- Establishes the “Pediatric Cancer Research Fund” (fund);
- Allows a person renewing a driver’s license, identification card or vehicle registration electronically through the department’s internet website to make a contribution of \$5 to the fund;
- Provides that contributions to the fund shall be used exclusively for pediatric cancer research approved by the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and Research Advisory Board;
- Requires the department to determine on a monthly basis the total amount collected under this section and report the amount to the State Treasurer;
- Requires the State Treasurer to transfer the amount collected to the fund;
- Provides that the fund shall reimburse the Motor License Fund for the actual costs incurred by the department in the administration of this section;
- Requires the department to provide adequate information concerning the contribution for pediatric cancer research in its instructions for license and registration applicants. Such information shall include the listing of an address furnished by the Department of Health to which contributions may be sent by individuals wishing to make additional contributions. The Department of Health shall conduct a public information campaign on the availability of this opportunity to Pennsylvania taxpayers; and

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- Provides that the Department of Health shall report annually to the respective committees of the Senate and House of Representatives that have jurisdiction over health matters on the amount received from the contributions authorized by this section and how the funds were used.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

According to the Governor's Office of the Budget, the Department of Transportation will incur a one-time cost of \$150,000 to perform system changes to the driver's license and vehicle registration renewals in order to begin collecting contributions for the Pediatric Cancer Research Fund.

The legislation stipulates that the fund shall reimburse the Motor License Fund for the actual costs incurred by the department for the implementation and administration of this section. Therefore, there would be no adverse fiscal impact to Commonwealth funds.

Additionally, this legislation has the potential to redirect contributions away from other existing license and registration contribution programs to this new fund. Those existing programs are the Governor Robert P. Casey Memorial Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Trust Fund and Veterans Trust Fund.