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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1164 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY GODSHALL, BAKER, BOBACK, BOYD, BRADFORD, CLYMER,  
FABRIZIO, GEIST, GEORGE, GILLEN, HARPER, KORTZ, MAJOR,  
MATZIE, MILLARD, PASHINSKI, PETRARCA, PICKETT, READSHAW,  
REICHLEY, ROCK, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCAVELLO, SWANGER AND  
VULAKOVICH, MARCH 23, 2011

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 23, 2011

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of July 2, 2006 (P.L.292, No.65), entitled "An  
2 act relating to organ and bone marrow donation; providing for  
3 a special leave of absence for organ and bone marrow donors;  
4 and providing for a tax credit and for additional duties of  
5 the Department of Revenue," further providing for  
6 applicability of act.

7 The General Assembly finds as follows:

8 (1) Each year an estimated 137,000 Americans contract  
9 leukemia, lymphoma anemia or other fatal blood diseases.

10 (2) If a matched bone marrow donor can be found, many of  
11 these victims can be cured.

12 (3) There is now a National Marrow Donor Program, and  
13 the United States is working with 30 other countries to  
14 establish a worldwide registry.

15 (4) Marrow donation does not involve considerable risk  
16 to the donor.

17 (5) There are approximately 110,500 patients in the  
18 United States and approximately 8,000 patients in this

1 Commonwealth awaiting lifesaving organ transplants.

2 (6) Many patients awaiting organ transplants could  
3 benefit from living organ donation, including approximately  
4 93,000 kidney patients, 16,900 liver patients and 2,000 lung  
5 patients.

6 (7) Of the more than 1,700 organ transplants performed  
7 in this Commonwealth in 2010, approximately 300 were from  
8 living donors.

9 (8) There continues to be a great need for bone marrow  
10 and organ donors among the African-American, Asian, Native  
11 American and Hispanic communities.

12 (9) Potential living bone marrow and organ donors should  
13 be able to perform their lifesaving service without risk of  
14 loss of income or employment.

15 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
16 hereby enacts as follows:

17 Section 1. Section 6 of act of July 2, 2006 (P.L.292,  
18 No.65), known as the Organ and Bone Marrow Donor Act, is amended  
19 to read:

20 Section 6. Applicability.

21 This act shall apply to tax years commencing on or after  
22 January 1, 2006[, through any taxable year commencing within  
23 2010, and carryover credits provided for in section 3(c) may be  
24 used after 2010].

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.