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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, JANUARY 29, 1997

AN ACT

1 Providing for an income tax refund checkoff for breast and  
2 cervical cancer research; and making a repeal.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Contributions  
7 to Breast and Cervical Cancer Research Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Department." The Department of Revenue of the Commonwealth.

13 "Individual income tax." The tax imposed by Article III of

1 the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2), known as the Tax Reform  
2 Code of 1971.

3 Section 3. Space on form for contributions to breast and  
4 cervical cancer research.

5 (a) Use designation.--The department shall provide a space  
6 on the face of the individual income tax return form whereby an  
7 individual may voluntarily designate a contribution of any  
8 amount desired to be utilized for breast and cervical cancer  
9 research in the Department of Health.

10 (b) Deduction.--The amount so designated on the individual  
11 income tax return form shall be deducted from the tax refund to  
12 which the individual is entitled and shall not constitute a  
13 charge against the income tax revenues due to the Commonwealth.

14 (c) State Treasurer.--The department shall determine  
15 annually the total amount designated under this section, less  
16 reasonable administrative costs, and shall report the amount to  
17 the State Treasurer, who shall transfer the amount from the  
18 General Fund to the Pennsylvania Cancer Control, Prevention and  
19 Research Advisory Board within the Department of Health.

20 (d) Checkoff information.--The department shall provide  
21 adequate information concerning the checkoff for breast and  
22 cervical cancer research in its instructions which accompany  
23 State income tax return forms. The information concerning the  
24 checkoff shall include the listing of an address furnished by  
25 the Department of Health, to which contributions may be sent by  
26 taxpayers wishing to contribute to this effort, but who do not  
27 receive refunds. Additionally, the Department of Health shall be  
28 charged with the duty to conduct a public information campaign  
29 on the availability of this opportunity to Pennsylvania  
30 taxpayers.

1       (e) Report.--The Department of Health shall report annually  
2 to the respective committees of the Senate and the House of  
3 Representatives which have jurisdiction over health matters on  
4 the amount received via the checkoff plan and how the funds were  
5 utilized.

6       (f) Appropriation of funds.--The General Assembly may, from  
7 time to time, appropriate funds for breast and cervical cancer  
8 research within the Department of Health.

9 Section 4. Repeal.

10       Section 12 of the act of June 23, 1982 (P.L.597, No.170),  
11 known as the Wild Resource Conservation Act, is repealed insofar  
12 as it is inconsistent with this act.

13 Section 5. Applicability.

14       This act shall apply to taxable years beginning on or after  
15 January 1, 1997.

16 Section 6. Effective date.

17       This act shall take effect immediately.