

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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VULAKOVICH AND ROEBUCK, MARCH 23, 2011

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AS AMENDED, MAY 10, 2011

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

Commonwealth awaiting lifesaving organ transplants.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6. Applicability.

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

SECTION 1.1. THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 6 OF THE ACT SHALL APPLY RETROACTIVELY TO DECEMBER 31, 2010.

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

