

HB 1666 -- Income Tax Checkoff for Lupus Revolving Research Trust Fund

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Beginning January 1, 2012, this bill authorizes a check-off box for the newly created Lupus Revolving Research Trust Fund to be added to the individual and corporate income tax forms. A taxpayer may donate to the fund by designating on the form at least \$1 on an individual return or \$2 on a combined return of his or her tax refund amount or by sending a separate check with the payment of his or her taxes.

The bill establishes the seven-member Lupus Research Advisory Council within the Department of Health and Senior Services to oversee a newly-established lupus research enhancement program which will make grants to state academic medical institutions for lupus research. The council must submit an annual report by December 31 to the General Assembly on the number and dollar amount of grants made, grants in progress, program accomplishments, and future program directions.

The provisions of the bill will expire December 31 six years after the effective date.