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Senate Bill 577

(Senator King)

Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings

Ways and Means

Income Tax - Opportunity for Filers to Register to Make Anatomical Gift

This bill requires the Comptroller to implement procedures to offer an individual filing a Maryland resident individual income tax return electronically the opportunity to register to make an anatomical gift in accordance with the Maryland Anatomical Gift Act through a hyperlink to the anatomical gift donor registry established under the Act. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024, and applies to tax year 2024 and beyond.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Comptroller's Office can implement the bill's requirement with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Under the Maryland Revised Anatomical Gift Act, a donor may make an anatomical gift (1) by authorizing a statement or symbol indicating that the donor has made an anatomical gift to be imprinted on the donor's driver's license or identification card; (2) by will; (3) during a terminal illness or an injury of the donor, by any form of communication addressed to at least two adults, at least one of whom is a disinterested witness; or (4) by a donor card (or other record) or donor registry, as specified. The Secretary of Health is required, under the Act, to contract with a qualified nonprofit entity for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a donor registry that is accessible 24 hours a day and 7 days a week to, among other things, allow a donor to include on the

donor registry a statement or symbol that the donor has made or amended an anatomical gift.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 1068 (Delegate Feldmark) - Ways and Means.

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