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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION DESIGNATION**
102 **BENEFITING THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION FUND THAT**
103 **APPEARS ON THE STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN**
104 **FORMS, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, EXTENDING THE**
105 **PERIOD FOR THE CONTRIBUTION DESIGNATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not necessarily reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted.)

Extends the period that state income tax return forms shall include a line whereby individual taxpayers may make a voluntary contribution to the Alzheimer's Association fund.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
3 finds and declares that there are currently sixty-four thousand persons in
4 Colorado with Alzheimer’s disease and that the number of cases in
5 Colorado is expected to grow by one hundred twenty-four percent, which
6 will result in one hundred forty thousand cases by 2025. The general
7 assembly recognizes that, in order to provide compassionate quality care
8 for persons with Alzheimer's disease, individuals and families may
9 require the critical resources and assistance available through the
10 Alzheimer's Association of Colorado.

11 (2) The general assembly further finds and declares that
12 Alzheimer's disease, otherwise known as the "long goodbye", creates a
13 tremendous emotional and financial burden on families and friends of
14 those with the disease. The general assembly further finds and declares
15 that seventy percent of persons with the disease live at home and forty
16 percent of caregivers report high levels of emotional and financial stress
17 that has a negative impact on their performance at work.

18 (3) The general assembly recognizes that the Alzheimer’s
19 Association provides vital support for individuals and families in caring
20 for persons with the disease by making available a twenty-four hour help
21 line, education classes, support groups, caregiver respite, and family
22 counseling services in urban and rural communities throughout Colorado.

23 (4) The general assembly further recognizes that many Colorado
24 citizens choose to contribute funds and volunteer their time to the
25 Alzheimer’s Association to ease the burden of care on Colorado families,
26 communities, and businesses. It is therefore the intent of the general

1 assembly to continue to provide Colorado citizens the opportunity to
2 financially support the statewide programs of the Alzheimer's
3 Association by allowing citizens to make voluntary contributions on their
4 state income tax return forms for such purpose.

5 **SECTION 2.** 39-22-2901, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
6 to read:

7 **39-22-2901. Voluntary contribution designation - procedure.**

8 For income tax years that commence on or after ~~January 1, 2005~~
9 JANUARY 1, 2008, but before ~~January 1, 2008~~ JANUARY 1, 2011, the
10 Colorado state individual income tax return form shall contain a line
11 whereby each individual taxpayer may designate the amount of the
12 contribution, if any, the individual wishes to make to the Alzheimer's
13 Association fund created in section 39-22-2902.

14 **SECTION 3.** 39-22-2903, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended
15 to read:

16 **39-22-2903. Repeal of part.** This part 29 is repealed, effective
17 ~~January 1, 2009~~ JANUARY 1, 2012, unless the voluntary contribution to the
18 Alzheimer's Association fund established by section 39-22-2902 is
19 continued or reestablished by the general assembly acting by bill prior to
20 said date.

21 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.