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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 reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill extends the period for which state income tax return forms

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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shall include a line allowing individual taxpayers to make a voluntary contribution to the Alzheimer's Association fund.

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

2 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration - intent.** (1) The general
3 assembly hereby finds and declares that:

4 (a) There are currently more than seventy-two thousand persons
5 in Colorado with Alzheimer's disease, and the number of cases in
6 Colorado is expected to grow to one hundred ten thousand cases by the
7 year 2025;

8 (b) In order to provide compassionate quality care for persons
9 with Alzheimer's disease, individuals and families may require critical
10 resources and assistance available through the Alzheimer's Association
11 of Colorado;

12 (c) Alzheimer's disease, otherwise known as "the long goodbye",
13 creates a tremendous emotional and financial burden on the family and
14 friends of those with the disease;

15 (d) Approximately seventy percent of persons with Alzheimer's
16 disease live at home and approximately forty percent of caregivers report
17 high levels of emotional and financial stress, which can have a negative
18 impact on the caregiver's performance at work and in other areas of life;

19 (e) Approximately one hundred sixty-one thousand unpaid
20 caregivers provide care worth over two million dollars;

21 (f) The Alzheimer's Association provides vital support for
22 individuals and families in caring for persons with the disease by making
23 available a twenty-four hour help line, educational classes, support
24 groups, caregiver respite, resources, and family counseling services in
25 urban and rural communities throughout Colorado;

1 (g) The Alzheimer's Association may not have sufficient resources
2 to cope with the growing demand for services that individuals and
3 families need; and

4 (h) Many Colorado citizens choose to contribute funds to the
5 Alzheimer's Association to allay the devastation of the disease and ease
6 the burden of care on Colorado families, communities, and businesses.

7 (2) Therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly to continue
8 to provide Colorado citizens the opportunity to financially support the
9 statewide programs of the Alzheimer's Association by allowing citizens
10 to make voluntary contributions on their state income tax return forms for
11 that purpose.

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

14 **39-22-2901. Voluntary contribution designation - procedure.**
15 For income tax years that commence on or after ~~January 1, 2008~~
16 JANUARY 1, 2011, but before ~~January 1, 2011~~ JANUARY 1, 2016, the
17 Colorado state individual income tax return form shall contain a line
18 whereby each individual taxpayer may designate the amount of the
19 contribution, if any, the individual wishes to make to the Alzheimer's
20 Association fund created in section 39-22-2902.

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

23 **39-22-2903. Repeal of part.** This part 29 is repealed, effective
24 ~~January 1, 2012~~ JANUARY 1, 2017, unless the voluntary contribution to the
25 Alzheimer's Association fund established by section 39-22-2902 is
26 continued or reestablished by the general assembly acting by bill prior to
27 said date.

1 **SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
2 shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
3 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
4 10, 2011, if adjournment sine die is on May 11, 2011); except that, if a
5 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
6 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
7 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part shall not take effect
8 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
9 November 2012 and shall take effect on the date of the official
10 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.