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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 916, L.D. 2368, Bill, "An Act to Promote Bone Marrow Donation"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 22 MRSA c. 250-A is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 250-A

HUMAN LEUKOCYTE ANTIGEN SCREENING FUND

§851. Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund

1. Creation of fund. The Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund, referred to in this section as the "fund," is established as a nonlapsing fund to support bone marrow screening by individuals and organizations determined to be eligible according to rules adopted by the department under subsection 2. Money in the fund must be expended as allocated by the Legislature for the purposes of the fund and may be invested as provided by law. Interest on these investments must be credited to the fund.

2. Administration. The department shall administer the fund to support bone marrow screening. The department shall adopt rules as necessary to administer the fund and to determine the criteria for eligible recipients. Rules adopted pursuant to

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

2 this section are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5,
3 chapter 375, subchapter II-A.

4 3. Income tax checkoff funding. Revenue collected from the
5 income tax checkoff pursuant to Title 36, section 5288 must be
6 credited to the fund.

7 4. Other funds. The fund may receive money from any
8 source, including grants, gifts, bequests and donations.

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10 **Sec. 2. 36 MRSA §5288** is enacted to read:

11 **§5288. Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund checkoff**

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13 1. Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund. When filing
14 their returns, taxpayers who are entitled to a refund under this
15 Part may designate that a portion of that refund be paid into the
16 Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund established in Title 22,
17 chapter 250-A. A taxpayer who is not entitled to a refund under
18 this Part may contribute to the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening
19 Fund by including with that taxpayer's return sufficient funds to
20 make the contribution. Each individual income tax return form
21 must contain a designation in substantially the following form:
22 "Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund: () \$5, () \$10, ()
23 \$25 or () Other \$ _____."
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26 2. Contributions credited to the Human Leukocyte Antigen
27 Screening Fund. The State Tax Assessor shall determine annually
28 the total amount contributed pursuant to subsection 1. Prior to
29 the beginning of the next year, the State Tax Assessor shall
30 deduct the cost of administering the Human Leukocyte Antigen
31 Screening Fund checkoff, but not exceeding \$2,000 annually, and
32 report the remainder to the Treasurer of State, who shall forward
33 that amount to the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund, which
34 is established in Title 22, chapter 250-A.

35 3. Effective date. This section applies to tax years
36 beginning on or after January 1, 2000.

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38 **Sec. 3. Allocation.** The following funds are allocated from
39 Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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44	HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF	
45	Human Leukocyte Antigen	
46	Screening Fund	
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50	All Other	\$250,000

2 Provides for a one-time
allocation of funds
4 from the Fund for a Healthy
Maine for the
6 first-year funding of the
Human Leukocyte
8 Antigen Screening Fund.

10 **Sec. 4. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated
from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

12 **2000-01**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL
SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF**

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18 **Bureau of Revenue Services**

20 All Other \$2,000

22 Provides funds for the costs
to administer the income tax
24 checkoff for the Human
Leukocyte Antigen Screening
26 Fund. This appropriation
will be offset by additional
28 General Fund revenue of
\$2,000.'

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32 Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the
summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

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2000-01

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APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

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General Fund \$2,000
42 Other Funds 250,000

44 **REVENUES**

46 General Fund \$2,000
Other Funds 40,000

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This bill includes a one-time Other Special Revenue funds

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2 allocation of \$250,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 from the Fund for a
Healthy Maine for the Department of Human Services for the first
year funding of the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund.

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6 The Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening Fund will also receive
additional dedicated revenue estimated to be \$40,000 annually
beginning in fiscal year 2000-01. This amount is after the
8 deduction for the estimated costs incurred by the Bureau of
Revenue Services to administer this income tax checkoff. The
10 \$2,000 deduction for the administrative costs of the Bureau of
Revenue Services will be credited to the General Fund as
12 undedicated revenue. An additional General Fund appropriation of
\$2,000 in fiscal year 2000-01 is included to provide funding to
14 the Bureau of Revenue Services for these administrative costs.

16 The Department of Human Services will incur some minor
18 additional costs to administer the fund and adopt rules. These
costs can be absorbed within the department's existing budgeted
resources.

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22 The Office of the Treasurer of State will incur some minor
additional costs related to investing the Human Leukocyte Antigen
24 Screening Fund. These costs can be absorbed within the office's
existing budgeted resources.'

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SUMMARY

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30 This amendment replaces the bill. It retains the provisions
of the bill that establish the Human Leukocyte Antigen Screening
Fund. It replaces the provisions assessing a fee of 25¢ per
32 insured person on health insurance carriers. It provides funding
in the first year of \$250,000 from the Fund for a Healthy Maine
34 and continuing funding through a voluntary income tax
contribution checkoff created in the Maine Revised Statutes,
36 Title 36. It adds an allocation of the \$250,000, an
appropriation section and a fiscal note.