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House of Representatives, February 28, 2019

### An Act To Advance Children's Cancer Research in Maine

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Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HEAD of Bethel.  
Cosponsored by President JACKSON of Aroostook and  
Representatives: BRYANT of Windham, DOLLOFF of Rumford, HYMANSON of York,  
O'CONNOR of Berwick, ORDWAY of Standish, PERRY of Calais, PRESCOTT of  
Waterboro, Senator: CLAXTON of Androscoggin.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §527** is enacted to read:

3 **§527. Children's cancer research donations**

4 **1. Donations upon vehicle registration.** When applying for or renewing a vehicle  
5 registration under this subchapter, a person may make a donation to support children's  
6 cancer research in this State. A person who offers a donation under this subsection shall  
7 include with the person's registration application or renewal fee funds sufficient to make  
8 the donation. Each vehicle registration or renewal form must contain a donation  
9 designation in substantially the following form: "Children's Cancer Research donation: ( )  
10 \$2, ( ) \$5, ( ) \$10, ( ) \$20 or ( ) Other \$... ."

11 **2. Maine Children's Cancer Research Fund.** The Maine Children's Cancer  
12 Research Fund is established as a nonlapsing fund in the department. All donations for  
13 children's cancer research collected through vehicle registration or renewal pursuant to  
14 subsection 1 must be deposited into the Maine Children's Cancer Research Fund.

15 **3. Recipient; rulemaking.** The Secretary of State shall determine by rule an entity  
16 to receive transfers pursuant to subsection 4. The entity must:

17 A. Be a nonprofit organization with a specific program dedicated to children's cancer  
18 research;

19 B. Employ a team of licensed pediatric oncology and hematology physicians; and

20 C. Be dedicated to providing cancer treatment to children in Maine.

21 Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as provided in Title  
22 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

23 **4. Transfers for children's cancer research.** The Secretary of State shall transfer  
24 quarterly to the entity designated pursuant to subsection 3 the total amount deposited into  
25 the Maine Children's Cancer Research Fund pursuant to subsection 2. All funds  
26 transferred under this subsection must be used exclusively for children's cancer research.

27 **SUMMARY**

28 This bill creates the option for an individual to make a donation upon vehicle  
29 registration or renewal in support of children's cancer research and establishes the Maine  
30 Children's Cancer Research Fund for collection of the donations. All donations are  
31 transferred quarterly to an entity determined by the Secretary of State and must be used  
32 exclusively for children's cancer research.