

**ADOPTED**

Senators Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th and Brown of the 26th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend HB 1272 by inserting " and for multiple sclerosis research" between "research" and*  
 2 *the semicolon on line 4.*

3 *By striking "a new Code section" and inserting in its place "new Code sections" on line 12.*

4 *By inserting immediately following Section 1 on page 2 the following:*

5 "31-12-16.

6 (a) The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the state to provide for  
 7 multiple sclerosis research programs. In addition to and as a supplement to traditional  
 8 financing mechanisms for such programs, it is the policy of this state to enable and  
 9 encourage citizens voluntarily to support such programs.

10 (b) To support programs for multiple sclerosis research, the department may, without  
 11 limitation, promote and solicit voluntary contributions through the individual income tax  
 12 return contribution mechanism established in subsection (e) of this Code section or through  
 13 any fund raising or other promotional techniques deemed appropriate by the department.

14 (c) There is established a special fund to be known as the 'Multiple Sclerosis Research  
 15 Program Fund.' This fund shall consist of all moneys contributed under subsection (b) of  
 16 this Code section, all moneys transferred to the department under subsection (e) of this  
 17 Code section, and any other moneys contributed to this fund. All balances in the fund shall  
 18 be deposited in an interest-bearing account identifying the fund and shall be carried  
 19 forward each year so that no part thereof may be deposited in the general treasury. The  
 20 fund shall be administered and the moneys held in the fund shall be expended by the  
 21 department through contracts for multiple sclerosis research.