

House Bill 761

By: Representatives Fludd of the 64th, Hawkins of the 27th, Williams of the 87th, Stephenson of the 90th, and Mosby of the 83rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to tax returns and furnishing of information, so as to authorize Georgia taxpayers to
3 make certain voluntary contributions through the income tax payment and refund process for
4 prostate cancer screening, diagnosis, treatment, and research through the Georgia Prostate
5 Cancer Coalition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and
6 applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 SECTION 1.

9 Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax
10 returns and furnishing of information, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
11 follows:

12 "48-7-64.

13 (a) Each Georgia income tax return form for taxable years beginning on or after
14 January 1, 2016, shall contain appropriate language, to be determined by the state revenue
15 commissioner, offering the taxpayer the opportunity to contribute to prostate cancer
16 screening, diagnosis, treatment, and research through the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition
17 by donating either all or any part of any tax refund due, by authorizing a reduction in the
18 refund check otherwise payable, or by contributing any amount over and above the amount
19 of tax owed by adding that amount to the taxpayer's payment. The instructions
20 accompanying the income tax return form shall contain a description of the purposes for
21 which the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition was established and the intended use of
22 moneys received from the contributions. Each taxpayer required to file a state income tax
23 return who desires to contribute to the Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition may designate
24 such contribution as provided in this Code section on the appropriate income tax return
25 form.

26 (b) The Department of Revenue shall determine annually the total amount that is
27 voluntarily contributed, shall withhold therefrom a reasonable amount for administering
28 such voluntary contribution program, and shall transmit such remaining amount to the
29 Georgia Prostate Cancer Coalition; provided, however, that the amount to be withheld for
30 administering the program shall not exceed the amount of contributions collected."

SECTION 2.

32 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
33 without such approval and shall apply to all taxable years beginning on or after
34 January 1, 2016.

SECTION 3.

36 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.