

REPEALING THE ACT REQUIRING PHYSICIANS TO OBTAIN INFORMED  
CONSENT FROM PATIENTS FOR TREATMENT OF BREAST DISEASE

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An Act

Repealing the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1068, No.213),  
entitled "An act requiring physicians to obtain informed  
consent from patients for treatment of breast disease."

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1068, No.213),  
entitled "An act requiring physicians to obtain informed consent  
from patients for treatment of breast disease," is repealed:

[AN ACT

Requiring physicians to obtain informed consent from patients  
for treatment of breast disease.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Before a physician operates on a patient for a  
tumor of the breast, a consent form shall have been executed  
which includes the following:

"CONSENT FOR TREATMENT OF BREAST DISEASE"

Sign option (a) or option (b), or option (a) and option (b).

(a) ..... Breast Biopsy  
Side (right or left)

.....  
Patient's Signature

(b) If it is determined that I have a malignant tumor in  
my breast or other breast abnormality requiring surgery, then  
I authorize Dr. .... to perform such operations or  
procedures, including breast removal, which are deemed  
necessary. I have been informed of the current medically  
accepted alternatives to radical mastectomy.

Procedure:

.....  
Patient's Signature

Section 2. In addition to civil proceedings, failure to  
comply with the provisions of this act shall subject the  
physician to disciplinary action under the act of July 20, 1974  
(P.L.551, No.190), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1974,  
or under the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known  
as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.]

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED--The 22nd day of January, A.D. 2014.

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