

---

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

---

HOUSE BILL

No. 505      Session of  
1997

---

INTRODUCED BY ADOLPH, MANDERINO, MICOZZIE, CIVERA, BEBKO-JONES,  
FICHTER, OLASZ, RUBLEY, TIGUE, YOUNGBLOOD, CLARK,  
C. WILLIAMS, BUNT, FEESE, WOJNAROSKI, FAIRCHILD, DENT,  
THOMAS, ITKIN, DeLUCA, HENNESSEY, SAYLOR, PHILLIPS, STEELMAN,  
E. Z. TAYLOR, MELIO, ALLEN, PETTIT, BELARDI, HALUSKA, LUCYK,  
McGILL, L. I. COHEN, KENNEY, TRUE, KAISER, KELLER, ROONEY,  
McCALL, BROWN, MILLER, TRELLO, SHANER, BROWNE, JOSEPHS,  
LAUGHLIN, JAMES, RAMOS, PETRARCA, PETRONE AND BOSCOLA,  
FEBRUARY 12, 1997

---

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
FEBRUARY 12, 1997

---

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1068, No.213),  
2 entitled, as amended, "An act requiring physicians to obtain  
3 informed consent from patients for treatment of breast  
4 disease," expanding the act to cover breast reconstructive  
5 surgery; and conferring powers and duties on the Department  
6 of Health and the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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

9 Section 1. The title of the act of December 18, 1984  
10 (P.L.1068, No.213), entitled, as amended, "An act requiring  
11 physicians to obtain informed consent from patients for  
12 treatment of breast disease," amended October 9, 1986 (P.L.1417,  
13 No.131), is amended to read:

14 AN ACT

15 Requiring physicians to obtain informed consent from patients  
16 for treatment of breast disease and for breast reconstructive

1 surgery.

2 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:

3 Section 1.1 (a) Before a physician performs breast  
4 reconstructive surgery, the physician must obtain a summary and  
5 consent form under subsection (b) executed by the patient.

6 (b) The Department of Health shall develop a standardized  
7 summary and consent form in plain, nontechnical language  
8 explaining breast reconstructive surgery. The explanation shall  
9 include the use, characteristics, side effects and risks of  
10 breast implants and other pertinent information to aid a patient  
11 in deciding on a course of treatment. The Department of Health  
12 shall make the form available to physicians in this  
13 Commonwealth.

14 Section 3. When the form required by section 1.1(b) of the  
15 act is available, the Department of Health shall submit notice  
16 of availability to the Legislative Reference Bureau for  
17 publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin.

18 Section 4. This act shall take effect as follows:

19 (1) The addition of section 1.1(a) of the act shall take  
20 effect on the date of publication of the notice under section  
21 3 of this act.

22 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect in 60  
23 days.