

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 2, 2013

## AN ACT

1 Requiring the notification of breast density to patients who  
2 receive a mammogram.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Breast  
7 Density Notification Act.

8 Section 2. Breast density notification and information  
9 provided.

10 (a) Inclusion of density information.--Each mammography  
11 report provided to a patient by a mammography facility certified  
12 by the United States Food and Drug Administration shall include  
13 the patient's breast density information based on the Breast  
14 Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American  
15 College of Radiology.

1 (b) Notice.--The report shall also include the following  
2 notice:

3 ~~If your mammogram demonstrates you have dense breast tissue, <--~~  
4 ~~which could hide abnormalities, and you have other risk~~  
5 ~~factors for breast cancer that have been identified, you~~  
6 ~~might benefit from supplemental screening tests that may be~~  
7 ~~suggested by your referring physician. A report of your~~  
8 ~~mammography results, which contains information about your~~  
9 ~~breast density, has been sent to your referring physician's~~  
10 ~~office and you should contact him or her if you have any~~  
11 ~~questions or concerns about your breast density or this~~  
12 ~~report.~~

13 THIS NOTICE CONTAINS THE RESULTS OF YOUR RECENT MAMMOGRAM, <--  
14 INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT BREAST DENSITY. IF YOUR MAMMOGRAM  
15 SHOWS THAT YOUR BREAST TISSUE IS DENSE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT  
16 DENSE BREAST TISSUE IS A COMMON FINDING AND IS NOT ABNORMAL.  
17 STATISTICS SHOW AS MANY AS 70% OF WOMEN COULD HAVE DENSE OR  
18 HIGHLY DENSE BREASTS. DENSE BREAST TISSUE CAN MAKE IT HARDER  
19 TO FIND CANCER ON A MAMMOGRAM AND MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH AN  
20 INCREASED RISK OF CANCER. THIS INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESULT  
21 OF YOUR MAMMOGRAM IS GIVEN TO YOU TO RAISE YOUR AWARENESS AND  
22 TO INFORM YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR PHYSICIAN. TOGETHER,  
23 YOU CAN DECIDE WHICH SCREENING OPTIONS ARE RIGHT FOR YOU,  
24 BASED ON YOUR MAMMOGRAM RESULTS, INDIVIDUAL RISK FACTORS OR  
25 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. A REPORT OF YOUR RESULTS WAS SENT TO  
26 YOUR PHYSICIAN.

27 Section 3. Effective date.

28 This act shall take effect in 90 days.