

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, OCTOBER 16, 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 AND ANY OTHER WRITTEN COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE
12 MAMMOGRAPHY REPORT provided to a patient by a mammography
13 facility certified by the United States Food and Drug
14 Administration shall include the patient's breast density
15 information based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data

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1 System established by the American College of Radiology.

2 (b) Notice.--The report AND ANY OTHER WRITTEN COMMUNICATION <--
3 CONCERNING THE MAMMOGRAPHY REPORT PROVIDED TO A PATIENT shall
4 also include the following notice:

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

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

29 Section 3. Effective date.

30 This act shall take effect in 90 days.