

HOUSE BILL 190

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mammography Centers – Dense Breast Tissue – Notification of Breast Cancer**
3 **Screening Options**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the notice that certain mammography centers are required to
5 include in a certain screening results letter; ~~to specify examples of additional breast~~
6 ~~imaging tests that~~ requiring the notice to state that together, a patient and the
7 patient's physician can decide whether additional screening options might be right
8 for the patient; and generally relating to notice of screening options for breast cancer.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 20–115
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 20–115.

18 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) (i) "Center" means any facility that produces, develops, or
2 interprets:

3 1. Screening mammograms; or

4 2. Diagnostic mammograms.

5 (ii) "Center" includes a hospital, outpatient department, medical
6 laboratory, clinic, radiology practice, office of a health care provider, or other testing facility
7 conducting mammography testing.

8 (iii) "Center" does not include a facility of the federal Department of
9 Veterans Affairs.

10 (3) "Dense breast tissue" means heterogeneously dense or extremely dense
11 tissue as defined in nationally recognized guidelines or systems for breast imaging
12 reporting of mammography screening, including the breast imaging reporting and data
13 system of the American College of Radiology.

14 (4) "Mammogram" means a radiographic image produced through
15 mammography.

16 (5) "Mammography testing" means the imaging of the breast with ionizing
17 radiation.

18 (b) On or after July 1, 1992, a person may not perform mammography testing
19 unless:

20 (1) The individual performing mammography testing is qualified under
21 Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article; and

22 (2) The center where the mammography testing is performed:

23 (i) Is accredited or has applied for accreditation under the American
24 College of Radiology Screening Mammography Accreditation Program; and

25 (ii) Has obtained a certificate of approval from the federal Food and
26 Drug Administration as specified in the federal Mammography Quality Standards Act of
27 1992.

28 (c) (1) (i) This section does not apply if the federal Mammography Quality
29 Standards Act of 1992, or regulations adopted under the Act, requires a notice regarding
30 breast density to be included in the screening results letter that is sent to a patient.

31 (ii) This section may not be construed to:

1 1. Require a notice regarding breast density to be sent to a
2 patient that is inconsistent with the provisions of the federal Mammography Quality
3 Standards Act of 1992, or regulations adopted under the Act; or

4 2. Create a standard of care, obligation, or duty that provides
5 a basis for a cause of action.

6 (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, a center where
7 mammography testing is performed shall include in a screening results letter that is sent
8 to a patient, as required by federal law, the following notice: “This notice contains the
9 results of your recent mammogram, including information about breast density.

10 If your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense, you should know that
11 dense breast tissue is a common finding and is not abnormal, with about half of women
12 having dense or highly dense breasts. However, dense breast tissue can make it harder to
13 find cancer on a mammogram and may also be associated with an increased risk of cancer.

14 This information about the result of your mammogram is given to you to raise your
15 awareness and to inform your conversations with your physician. Together, you can decide
16 [which screening options] ~~WHETHER ADDITIONAL BREAST IMAGING TESTS,~~
17 ~~INCLUDING DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY, BREAST ULTRASOUND, MAGNETIC~~
18 ~~RESONANCE IMAGING, OR BREAST TOMOSYNTHESIS, SCREENING OPTIONS~~ are right
19 for you based on your mammogram results, individual risk factors, or physical examination.
20 A report of your results was sent to your physician.”.

21 (3) If the Department finds significant differences between the content of
22 the notice that is required to be provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection and current
23 medical evidence on breast density, the Department may adopt regulations that change the
24 content of the notice.

25 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the penalty for a violation of
26 subsection (b) of this section may not exceed \$1,000.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 October 1, 2017.