
By: Senator Munson

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals - Requirements - Mammography Testing**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring hospitals to offer mammography testing to certain female
4 inpatients under certain circumstances.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

6 Article - Health - General

7 Section 19-348

8 Annotated Code of Maryland

9 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

11 Article - Health - General

12 Section 20-115(a)(1) and (3)

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (1990 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Health - General**

18 19-348.

19 (a) (1) Each hospital shall offer to each adult female inpatient of the hospital a
20 Papanicolaou smear for detection of cervical cancer unless:

21 [(1)] (I) The attending physician orders otherwise; or

22 [(2)] (II) The patient has had the examination within the preceding year.

23 [(b)] (2) A patient may refuse the examination.

24 (B) (1) EACH HOSPITAL SHALL OFFER MAMMOGRAPHY TESTING, AS
25 DEFINED UNDER § 20-115 OF THIS ARTICLE, TO EACH FEMALE INPATIENT WHO IS AT
26 LEAST 50 YEARS OLD UNLESS:

27 (I) THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN ORDERS OTHERWISE; OR

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1 (II) THE PATIENT HAS HAD MAMMOGRAPHY TESTING WITHIN THE
2 PRECEDING YEAR.

3 (2) A PATIENT MAY REFUSE THE MAMMOGRAPHY TESTING.

4 20-115.

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

6 (3) (i) "Mammography testing" means the imaging of the breast with
7 ionizing radiation.

8 (ii) "Mammography testing" includes xeromammography.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 October 1, 1996.