

SENATE BILL 334

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(3lr1610)

ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by **Senators Jones–Rodwell, Benson, Brinkley, Conway, Currie, Ferguson, Forehand, Frosh, Garagiola, Jacobs, Kasemeyer, Kelley, King, Kittleman, Klausmeier, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, McFadden, Middleton, Montgomery, Muse, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, Raskin, Reilly, Robey, Rosapepe, Stone, ~~and Zirkin~~ Zirkin, Astle, Glassman, Pipkin, and Ramirez**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Proofreader.

Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mammograms – Dense Breast Tissue – Notification**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, subject to a certain provision of law, certain centers
4 that produce, develop, or interpret mammograms to provide a certain notice to
5 certain patients under certain circumstances; authorizing the Department of
6 Health and Mental Hygiene, under certain circumstances, to adopt certain
7 regulations to change the content of a certain notice; ~~prohibiting a cause of~~
8 ~~action from arising from a failure to provide a certain notice;~~ providing for the
9 application and construction of this Act; altering a certain definition; defining a

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 certain term; and generally relating to mammograms, dense breast tissue, and
2 notification.

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
4 Article – Health – General
5 Section 20–115
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

10 **Article – Health – General**

11 20–115.

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

13 (2) (i) “Center” means any facility that produces, develops, or
14 interprets:

15 1. Screening MAMMOGRAMS; OR

16 2. Diagnostic mammograms[; or

17 3. Both].

18 (ii) “Center” includes a hospital, outpatient department, medical
19 laboratory, clinic, radiology practice, office of a health care provider, or other testing
20 facility conducting mammography testing.

21 (iii) “Center” does not include a facility of the federal
22 Department of Veterans Affairs.

23 **(3) “DENSE BREAST TISSUE” MEANS HETEROGENEOUSLY DENSE**
24 **OR EXTREMELY DENSE TISSUE AS DEFINED IN NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED**
25 **GUIDELINES OR SYSTEMS FOR BREAST IMAGING REPORTING OF MAMMOGRAPHY**
26 **SCREENING, INCLUDING THE BREAST IMAGING REPORTING AND DATA SYSTEM**
27 **OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY.**

28 **[(3)] (4)** “Mammogram” means a radiographic image produced
29 through mammography.

30 **[(4)] (5)** “Mammography testing” means the imaging of the breast
31 with ionizing radiation.

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

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

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

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

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

11 (c) **(1) (i) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY IF THE FEDERAL**
12 **MAMMOGRAPHY QUALITY STANDARDS ACT OF 1992, OR REGULATIONS**
13 **ADOPTED UNDER THE ACT, REQUIRES A NOTICE REGARDING BREAST DENSITY**
14 **TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SCREENING RESULTS LETTER THAT IS SENT TO A**
15 **PATIENT.**

16 **(ii) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO:**

17 **1. REQUIRE A NOTICE REGARDING BREAST DENSITY**
18 **TO BE SENT TO A PATIENT THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF**
19 **THE FEDERAL MAMMOGRAPHY QUALITY STANDARDS ACT OF 1992, OR**
20 **REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THE ACT; OR**

21 **2. CREATE A STANDARD OF CARE, OBLIGATION, OR**
22 **DUTY THAT PROVIDES A BASIS FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION ~~BEYOND THE DUTY TO~~**
23 **~~PROVIDE A NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~**

24 **(2) ~~IF A MAMMOGRAM OF A PATIENT DEMONSTRATES DENSE~~**
25 **~~BREAST TISSUE, THE CENTER WHERE THE~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS**
26 **SUBSECTION, A CENTER WHERE MAMMOGRAPHY TESTING ~~WAS~~ IS PERFORMED**
27 **SHALL ~~PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION~~ INCLUDE IN A SCREENING RESULTS**
28 **LETTER THAT IS SENT TO ~~THE~~ A PATIENT ~~THAT INCLUDES,~~ AS REQUIRED BY**
29 **FEDERAL LAW, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT NOTICE: “~~YOUR MAMMOGRAM~~**
30 **~~SHOWS THAT YOUR BREAST TISSUE IS DENSE. DENSE~~ THIS NOTICE CONTAINS**
31 **THE RESULTS OF YOUR RECENT MAMMOGRAM, INCLUDING INFORMATION**
32 **ABOUT BREAST DENSITY.**

33 **IF YOUR MAMMOGRAM SHOWS THAT YOUR BREAST TISSUE IS DENSE, YOU**
34 **SHOULD KNOW THAT DENSE BREAST TISSUE IS ~~VERY~~ A COMMON FINDING AND**
35 **IS NOT ABNORMAL, WITH ABOUT HALF OF WOMEN HAVING DENSE OR HIGHLY**

1 DENSE BREASTS. HOWEVER, DENSE BREAST TISSUE CAN MAKE IT HARDER TO
 2 FIND CANCER ON A MAMMOGRAM AND MAY ALSO BE ASSOCIATED WITH AN
 3 INCREASED RISK OF BREAST CANCER.

4 THIS INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESULT OF YOUR MAMMOGRAM IS GIVEN
 5 TO YOU TO RAISE YOUR AWARENESS AND TO INFORM YOUR CONVERSATIONS
 6 WITH YOUR PHYSICIAN. ~~USE THIS INFORMATION TO TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR~~
 7 ~~ABOUT YOUR OWN RISKS FOR BREAST CANCER. AT THAT TIME, ASK YOUR~~
 8 ~~DOCTOR IF MORE SCREENING TESTS MIGHT BE USEFUL, BASED ON YOUR RISK~~
 9 ~~TOGETHER, YOU CAN DECIDE WHICH SCREENING OPTIONS ARE RIGHT FOR YOU~~
 10 ~~BASED ON YOUR MAMMOGRAM RESULTS, INDIVIDUAL RISK FACTORS, OR~~
 11 ~~PHYSICAL EXAMINATION. A REPORT OF YOUR RESULTS WAS SENT TO YOUR~~
 12 ~~DOCTOR PHYSICIAN.”.~~

13 (3) IF THE DEPARTMENT FINDS SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES
 14 BETWEEN THE CONTENT OF THE NOTICE THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED
 15 UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND CURRENT MEDICAL
 16 EVIDENCE ON BREAST DENSITY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS
 17 THAT CHANGE THE CONTENT OF THE NOTICE.

18 ~~(4) A CAUSE OF ACTION MAY NOT ARISE FROM A FAILURE TO~~
 19 ~~PROVIDE THE NOTICE THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH~~
 20 ~~(2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

21 [(c) (D) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the penalty for a
 22 violation of SUBSECTION (B) OF this section may not exceed \$1,000.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 24 October 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.