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RELATING TO INSURANCE - HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE BREAST CANCER ACT

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, McNamara, Ajello, Tanzi, and Handy

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-12.9-2 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-12.9 entitled "Dense  
2 Breast Notification and Education" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-12.9-2. Public policy goals -- Department of health.** -- The department of health,  
4 through the Rhode Island Cancer Council, is authorized and mandated to implement the following  
5 public health policy goals as they relate to dense breast notification in Rhode Island.  
6 Commencing on October 1, 2014, all health care facilities that perform mammography  
7 examinations shall include in the summary of the mammography report to be provided to a  
8 patient, information that identifies the patient's individual Breast Tissue Classification based on  
9 the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of  
10 Radiology. If the facility determines that a patient has heterogeneously or extremely dense  
11 breasts, the summary of the mammography report shall also include the following notice:

12 "Your mammogram indicates that you have dense breast tissue. Dense breast tissue is  
13 relatively common and is found in about forty percent (40%) of women. The presence of dense  
14 tissue can make it more difficult to detect cancers in the breast by mammography because it can  
15 hide small abnormalities and may be associated with an increased risk. Hence, you may benefit  
16 from supplementary screening tests, which may include a breast ultrasound screening, [3D](#)  
17 [tomosynthesis](#), or a breast MRI examination, or ~~both~~ [all three \(3\) tests](#), depending on your  
18 individual risk factors.

19 We are providing this information to raise your awareness of this important factor and to

1 encourage you to discuss your dense breast tissue, as well as other breast cancer risk factors, with  
2 your health care provider. Together, you can decide which screening options are right for you.

3 A report of your results was sent to your physician. You should contact your physician if  
4 you have any questions or concerns about this report."

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1 This act would modify the dense breast notice sent to patients advising of the more
- 2 reliable and much less costly 3D tomosynthesis test related to supplementary screening.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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