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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DENSE BREAST NOTIFICATION AND EDUCATION

Introduced By: Senators Valverde, Lawson, Sosnowski, Gallo, Lauria, Murray, DiMario, Ujifusa, Quezada, and Euer

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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.**

4 The department of health, ~~through the Rhode Island Cancer Council,~~ is authorized and
5 mandated to implement the following public health policy goals as they relate to dense breast
6 notification in Rhode Island. ~~Commencing on October 1, 2014, all~~ [All](#) healthcare facilities that
7 perform mammography examinations shall include in the summary of the mammography report to
8 be provided to a patient by mail, electronically, or otherwise, information that identifies the
9 patient’s individual Breast Tissue Classification based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data
10 System established by the American College of Radiology. ~~If the~~ [The](#) facility ~~determines that a~~
11 ~~patient has heterogeneously or extremely dense breasts, the summary of the mammography report~~
12 shall also include the ~~following~~ [mandated FDA National Reporting Standard for breast density](#)
13 [patient notification language in the](#) notice [to the patient.](#):

14 ~~“Your mammogram indicates that you have dense breast tissue. Dense breast tissue is~~
15 ~~relatively common and is found in about forty percent (40%) of women. The presence of dense~~
16 ~~tissue can make it more difficult to detect cancers in the breast by mammography because it can~~
17 ~~hide small abnormalities and may be associated with an increased risk. Hence, you may benefit~~
18 ~~from supplementary screening tests, which may include a breast ultrasound screening, or a breast~~

1 ~~MRI examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors.~~

2 ~~We are providing this information to raise your awareness of this important factor and to~~
3 ~~encourage you to discuss your dense breast tissue, as well as other breast cancer risk factors, with~~
4 ~~your healthcare provider. Together, you can decide which screening options are right for you.~~

5 ~~A report of your results was sent to your physician. You should contact your physician if~~
6 ~~you have any questions or concerns about this report.”~~

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

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would amend the notice requirement to patients to follow the mandated FDA
- 2 national reporting standards following a mammogram.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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