

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 125th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1394

House of Representatives, March 15, 2012

### **An Act Requiring Communication of Mammographic Breast Density Information to Patients**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heather J.R. Priest".

HEATHER J.R. PRIEST  
Clerk

Presented by Representative HAYES of Buckfield.  
Cosponsored by Senator LANGLEY of Hancock and  
Representatives: CAIN of Orono, CUSHING of Hampden, RANKIN of Hiram, ROSEN of  
Bucksport, STRANG BURGESS of Cumberland.

1       **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2               **Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §2745-A, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

3               **5. Communication regarding breast density.** Beginning October 1, 2012, each  
4       mammography report provided to a patient or other information provided to the patient  
5       describing the results of a mammography must include information about breast density,  
6       based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American  
7       College of Radiology. If applicable, the report must include the following notice: "If  
8       your mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide  
9       small abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests, which may  
10       include a breast ultrasound screening, or a breast magnetic resonance imaging  
11       examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your  
12       mammography results, which contains information about your breast density, has been  
13       sent to your physician's office and you should contact your physician if you have any  
14       questions or concerns about this report."

15               **Sec. 2. 24-A MRSA §2837-A, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

16               **5. Communication regarding breast density.** Beginning October 1, 2012, each  
17       mammography report provided to a patient or other information provided to the patient  
18       describing the results of a mammography must include information about breast density,  
19       based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American  
20       College of Radiology. If applicable, the report must include the following notice: "If  
21       your mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide  
22       small abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests, which may  
23       include a breast ultrasound screening, or a breast magnetic resonance imaging  
24       examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your  
25       mammography results, which contains information about your breast density, has been  
26       sent to your physician's office and you should contact your physician if you have any  
27       questions or concerns about this report."

28               **Sec. 3. 24-A MRSA §4237-A, sub-§4** is enacted to read:

29               **4. Communication regarding breast density.** Beginning October 1, 2012, each  
30       mammography report provided to a patient or other information provided to the patient  
31       describing the results of a mammography must include information about breast density,  
32       based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American  
33       College of Radiology. If applicable, the report must include the following notice: "If  
34       your mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide  
35       small abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests, which may  
36       include a breast ultrasound screening, or a breast magnetic resonance imaging  
37       examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your  
38       mammography results, which contains information about your breast density, has been  
39       sent to your physician's office and you should contact your physician if you have any  
40       questions or concerns about this report."

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## **SUMMARY**

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This bill requires mammography reports or other information provided to patients to

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include information regarding breast density.