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House of Representatives, February 14, 2017

An Act Requiring Communication of Mammographic Breast Density Information to Patients

Reference to the Committee on Health and Human Services suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BROOKS of Lewiston.
Cosponsored by Senator WHITEMORE of Somerset and
Representatives: BABBIDGE of Kennebunk, COLLINGS of Portland, FULLER of Lewiston,
HARLOW of Portland, LONGSTAFF of Waterville, McCREA of Fort Fairfield,
MELARAGNO of Auburn, STANLEY of Medway.

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, 2017, each
4 screening mammogram report provided to a patient and other information provided to the
5 patient describing the results of a screening mammogram must include information about
6 breast density, based on a breast imaging reporting and data system established by a
7 national radiology association. The report must include the following notice: "If your
8 mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small
9 abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests, which may include
10 a breast ultrasound screening, a breast magnetic resonance imaging examination,
11 molecular breast imaging (digital mammogram) or other screening recommendation,
12 depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your mammography results, which
13 contains information about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's office,
14 and you should contact your physician if you have any questions or concerns about this
15 report."

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

17 **5. Communication regarding breast density.** Beginning October 1, 2017, each
18 screening mammogram report provided to a patient and other information provided to the
19 patient describing the results of a screening mammogram must include information about
20 breast density, based on a breast imaging reporting and data system established by a
21 national radiology association. The report must include the following notice: "If your
22 mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small
23 abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests, which may include
24 a breast ultrasound screening, a breast magnetic resonance imaging examination,
25 molecular breast imaging (digital mammogram) or other screening recommendation,
26 depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your mammography results, which
27 contains information about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's office,
28 and you should contact your physician if you have any questions or concerns about this
29 report."

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

31 **4. Communication regarding breast density.** Beginning October 1, 2017, each
32 screening mammogram report provided to a patient and other information provided to the
33 patient describing the results of a screening mammogram must include information about
34 breast density, based on a breast imaging reporting and data system established by a
35 national radiology association. The report must include the following notice: "If your
36 mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small
37 abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests, which may include
38 a breast ultrasound screening, a breast magnetic resonance imaging examination,
39 molecular breast imaging (digital mammogram) or other screening recommendation,
40 depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your mammography results, which
41 contains information about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's office,

1 and you should contact your physician if you have any questions or concerns about this
2 report."

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SUMMARY

4 This bill requires mammography reports and other information provided to patients
5 describing the results of a mammography to include information regarding breast density.