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SENATE BILL 17-142

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REQUIREMENT TO INCLUDE NOTIFICATION TO A**
102 **PATIENT REGARDING THE PATIENT'S BREAST TISSUE**
103 **CLASSIFICATION WITH THE REQUIRED MAMMOGRAPHY REPORT.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill requires that each mammography report provided to a patient include information that identifies the patient's breast tissue classification based on the breast imaging reporting and data system established by the American college of radiology. If the health care facility that performed the mammography determines that a patient has

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dense breast tissue, the facility is required to notify the patient of the determination using specific language.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 2 to article
3 1.5 of title 12 as follows:

4 PART 2

5 BREAST DENSITY NOTIFICATION

6 **12-1.5-201. Mammography report - dense breasts - required**
7 **notice - definition.** (1) EACH PERSON WHO IS REQUIRED BY 42 U.S.C.
8 SEC. 263b TO PROVIDE A PATIENT, THE PATIENT'S PHYSICIAN, OR MEDICAL
9 INSTITUTION WITH A MAMMOGRAPHY REPORT AND WHO HAS DETERMINED
10 THAT THE PATIENT HAS DENSE BREAST TISSUE, AS DETERMINED BY THE
11 INTERPRETING PHYSICIAN BASED ON BREAST IMAGING REPORTING AND
12 DATA SYSTEM STANDARDS PROMULGATED BY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF
13 RADIOLOGY, SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING NOTICE WITH THE
14 MAMMOGRAPHY REPORT:

15 YOUR MAMMOGRAM SHOWS THAT YOUR BREAST TISSUE IS
16 DENSE. DENSE BREAST TISSUE IS COMMON AND IS NOT
17 ABNORMAL. HOWEVER, DENSE BREAST TISSUE CAN MAKE IT
18 HARDER TO EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF YOUR MAMMOGRAM
19 AND MAY ALSO BE ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASED RISK OF
20 BREAST CANCER. THIS INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESULTS
21 OF YOUR MAMMOGRAM IS GIVEN TO YOU TO RAISE YOUR
22 AWARENESS AND TO INFORM YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH
23 YOUR DOCTOR. TOGETHER, YOU CAN DECIDE WHICH
24 SCREENING OPTIONS ARE RIGHT FOR YOU. A REPORT OF
25 YOUR RESULTS WAS SENT TO YOUR PHYSICIAN.

1 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, THIS SECTION DOES NOT
2 CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION OR CREATE A STANDARD OF CARE,
3 OBLIGATION, OR DUTY THAT PROVIDES A BASIS FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION.

4 **SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect October 1,
5 2017.

6 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
7 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
8 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.