

House Bill 62

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relating to health, so as to require certain notice in a
3 mammogram report to patients with dense breast tissue; to provide for definitions; to provide
4 for a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Margie's Law."

9 **SECTION 2.**

10 Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
11 general provisions relating to health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
12 follows:

13 "31-1-16.

14 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

15 (1) 'Dense breast tissue' means heterogeneously or extremely dense breast tissue based
16 on nationally recognized guidelines or systems for breast imaging reporting of
17 mammography screening including, but not limited to, the breast imaging reporting and
18 data system established by the American College of Radiology.

19 (2) 'Health care facility' means a hospital, outpatient department, clinic, radiology
20 practice, or mobile unit; an office of a physician; or other medical facility.

21 (b) If a patient's mammogram demonstrates dense breast tissue, the health care facility that
22 conducted the mammogram shall provide notification to the patient that includes, but is not
23 limited to, the following information, in the summary of the written report of the results of
24 a mammography examination that is sent directly to a patient pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
25 Section 263b:

26 'Your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense. Dense breast tissue is very
27 common and is not abnormal. However, dense breast tissue can make it more
28 difficult to detect cancer through a mammogram. Also, dense breast tissue may
29 increase your risk for breast cancer. This information about the result of your
30 mammogram is given to you to increase your awareness. Use this information to talk
31 with your health care provider about whether other supplemental tests in addition to
32 your mammogram may be appropriate for you, based on your individual risk. A
33 report of your results was sent to your ordering physician. If you are self-referred, a
34 report of your results was sent to you in addition to this summary.'"

35 **SECTION 3.**

36 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.