

House Bill 1125

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 and Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the
2 Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relating to health and state
3 employees' health insurance and benefit plans, respectively, so as to provide for information
4 and screening coverage for individuals at high risk for breast cancer; to provide for a
5 definition; to provide for identified and compiled information to be posted on the internet and
6 distributed to physicians; to provide for coverage under the state health benefit plan for
7 additional screening for individuals at high risk for breast cancer; to provide for related
8 matters; to provide for a short title; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 **SECTION 1.**

11 This Act shall be known and may be cited as "Lacee's Law."

12 **SECTION 2.**

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

16 "31-1-18.

17 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'high risk for breast cancer' means a lifetime risk
18 of breast cancer of 20 percent or greater as determined by a risk assessment model based
19 primarily on family history, such as but not limited to, the Tyrer-Cuzick model.

20 (b) The department, in consultation with the Georgia Composite Medical Board, shall
21 identify and compile information on identifying individuals at high risk for breast cancer.
22 Such information shall be reviewed annually and updated, if necessary.

23 (c) The information identified and compiled pursuant to subsection (b) of this Code section
24 shall be posted in a prominent location on the department's website for the purpose of
25 providing consumers with information on pertinent family history and other factors that

26 should be provided to an individual's physician to determine whether such individual is at
27 high risk for breast cancer. Such information shall also be annually distributed by the
28 Georgia Composite Medical Board to primary care physicians and
29 obstetrician/gynecologists licensed to practice medicine in this state."

30 **SECTION 3.**

31 Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
32 state employees' health insurance and benefit plans, is amended by adding a new Code
33 section to read as follows:

34 "45-18-4.1.

35 (a) As used in this Code section, the term 'high risk for breast cancer' means a lifetime risk
36 of breast cancer of 20 percent or greater as determined by a risk assessment model based
37 primarily on family history, such as but not limited to, the Tyrer-Cuzick model.

38 (b) The health insurance plan established pursuant to this article shall include coverage for
39 breast cancer screening for women ages 30 or older who are at high risk for breast cancer.
40 Such breast cancer screening coverage shall include an annual mammogram and an annual
41 breast MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) scan.

42 (c) The department shall collect nonidentifying data on the number of women in the health
43 insurance plan established pursuant to this article that are determined to be at high risk for
44 breast cancer pursuant to this Code section."

45 **SECTION 4.**

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