

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title; references to Act.

5 (a) Short title. This Act may be cited as the Dense Breast
6 Tissue Act.

7 (b) References to Act. This Act may be referred to as the
8 Patti Beyer Act of Illinois.

9 Section 5. Applicability. This Act applies to a facility
10 that provides mammography services in the State of Illinois.

11 Section 10. Breast cancer; duty of providers of mammography
12 services to notify and inform.

13 (a) As used in this Section, "dense breast tissue" means
14 heterogeneously dense or extremely dense tissue as defined in
15 nationally recognized guidelines or systems for breast imaging
16 reporting of mammography screening, including, but not limited
17 to, the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System of the
18 American College of Radiology, and any equivalent new terms, as
19 such guidelines or systems are updated.

20 (b) If a patient's mammogram demonstrates dense breast
21 tissue, the provider of mammography services shall provide in a
22 summary of the mammography report sent to the patient in

1 accordance with the federal Mammography Quality Standards Act a
2 notice substantially similar to the following:

3 "Your mammogram indicates you have dense breast
4 tissue. Dense breast tissue is normal and identified on
5 mammograms in about 50% of women. Dense breast tissue can
6 make it more difficult to detect cancer on a mammogram and
7 may be associated with an increased risk for breast cancer.
8 Despite these limitations, screening mammograms have been
9 proven to save lives. Continue to have routine screening
10 mammography whether or not additional exams are suggested
11 for you. This information is provided to raise your
12 awareness of the impact of breast density on cancer
13 detection. For further information about dense breast
14 tissue, as well as other breast cancer risk factors,
15 contact your breast imaging health care provider."

16 (c) A facility that performs mammography may update the
17 language in the notice under subsection (b) to reflect advances
18 in science and technology as long as it continues to notify
19 patients about dense breast tissue and its effect on the
20 accuracy of mammograms and encourages patients to discuss the
21 issue with their health care provider.

22 (d) This Section does not create a duty of care or other
23 legal obligation beyond the duty to provide notice as set forth
24 in this Section.

25 (20 ILCS 2310/2310-697 rep.)

1 Section 90. The Department of Public Health Powers and
2 Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is
3 amended by repealing Section 2310-697.