

SENATE BILL 3008

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Title 63, relative to communication of mammographic breast density information to patients.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2502, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d) For coverage under any policy or contract covered under subsection (a) that was entered into, issued or renewed on and after October 1, 2012, each mammography report provided to a patient shall include information about breast density, based on the breast imaging reporting and data system established by the American College of Radiology. Where applicable, such report shall include the following notice: "If your mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests, which can include a breast ultrasound screening or a breast MRI examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your mammography results, which contains information about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's office and you should contact your physician if you have any questions or concerns about this report."

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

63-6-242.

On and after October 1, 2012, each mammography report provided to a patient by a radiologist shall include information about breast density, based on the breast imaging reporting and data system established by the American

College of Radiology. Where applicable, such report shall include the following notice: “If your mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests, which can include a breast ultrasound screening or a breast MRI examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your mammography results, which contains information about your breast density, has been sent to your physician’s office and you should contact your physician if you have any questions or concerns about this report.”.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 9, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

63-9-119.

On and after October 1, 2012, each mammography report provided to a patient by a radiologist physician under this chapter shall include information about breast density, based on any breast imaging reporting and data system established by the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology. Where applicable, such report shall include the following notice: “If your mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests, which can include a breast ultrasound screening or a breast MRI examination, or both, depending on your individual risk factors. A report of your mammography results, which contains information about your breast density, has been sent to your physician’s office and you should contact your physician if you have any questions or concerns about this report.”.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.