

HOUSE BILL 532

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, 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, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

63-6-245.

(a) As used in this section, "physician" means an individual authorized by this chapter to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery pursuant to chapter 9.

(b) A physician interpreting a mammogram shall determine based on the breast imaging reporting and data system established by the American College of Radiology whether the patient has dense breast tissue. If so, the physician shall include the following statement in the report or summary sent to the patient pursuant to 21 C.F.R. 900.12:

"Because your mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide small abnormalities, you might benefit from supplementary screening tests, depending on your individual risk factors. If you specified a physician to receive the report of your mammography results, the report has been sent to your physician's office. Contact your physician if you have any questions or concerns about dense breast tissue or your mammography results."

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.