

AN ACT relating to patient notification of mammogram results showing dense tissue.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 214.550 TO 214.556 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*(1) If a patient's mammogram demonstrates dense breast tissue, a person who provided the mammography services in the Commonwealth shall provide notification to the patient that includes but is not limited to the following information in the summary of the written report of the results sent directly to a patient:*

*"Your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense. Dense breast tissue is very common and is not abnormal. However, dense breast tissue can make it harder to find cancer through a mammogram. Also, dense breast tissue may increase your risk for breast cancer. This information about the result of your mammogram is given to you to raise your awareness. Use this information to discuss with your health care provider whether other supplemental tests in addition to your mammogram may be appropriate for you, based on your individual risk. A report of your results was sent to your ordering physician. If you are self-referred, a report of your results was sent to you in addition to this summary."*

*(2) As used in this section, "dense breast tissue" means heterogeneously or extremely dense breast tissue as defined in nationally recognized guidelines or systems for breast imaging reporting of mammography screening, including but not limited to the breast imaging reporting and data system established by the American College of Radiology. If, after the effective date of this Act, new terms are defined in revised guidelines or systems for breast imaging reporting of mammography screening and the Department for Public Health determines that*

*those new terms are more appropriate for the purposes of the information required to be provided under this section, the Department for Public Health may update the definition of dense breast tissue under this subsection to use those new terms by administrative regulation.*