

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

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

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

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

11 *"Your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense. Dense breast tissue is*
12 *common among women and is not abnormal. However, women with dense breast*
13 *tissue may have a slightly increased risk for developing breast cancer. Dense*
14 *breast tissue may also make it more difficult to detect an early breast cancer on*
15 *your mammogram. At this time, there are no specific recommendations for*
16 *additional screening or other measures related to having dense breast tissue.*
17 *However, you may want to talk to your doctor about other ways that you might be*
18 *able to reduce your risk of breast cancer. A report of your results was sent to your*
19 *ordering physician. If you are self-referred, a report of your results was sent to*
20 *you in addition to this summary."*

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

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

5 (3) Recognizing the continuous improvements in patient outcomes that are reflective
6 of ongoing advances in evidence-based medical practices, expansive and
7 emerging medical research, and evolving innovations in medical technology, this
8 section shall be in effect until January 1, 2021, unless the General Assembly
9 takes action to extend this expiration date.