

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 *very common and is not abnormal. However, dense breast tissue can make it*  
13 *harder to find cancer through a mammogram. Also, dense breast tissue may*  
14 *increase your risk for breast cancer. This information about the result of your*  
15 *mammogram is given to you to raise your awareness. Use this information to*  
16 *discuss with your health care provider whether other supplemental tests in*  
17 *addition to your mammogram may be appropriate for you, based on your*  
18 *individual risk. A report of your results was sent to your ordering physician. If*  
19 *you are self-referred, a report of your results was sent to you in addition to this*  
20 *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.