



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Bill Analysis

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(As Introduced)

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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires a physician interpreting a mammogram to determine whether the patient has dense breast tissue and include the finding in the report prepared for the patient.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Mammography report on dense breast tissue

The bill requires a physician interpreting a mammogram to determine whether the patient has dense breast tissue, according to standards established by the American College of Radiology. If so, the physician must include the following statement in the report the physician is required to prepare for the patient under federal regulations:¹

"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."²

¹ 21 Code of Federal Regulations 900.12. Federal regulations govern mammography facilities, including standards for physicians who interpret mammograms, and require that a report of the mammogram be prepared and a summary of the report be sent to the patient.

² R.C. 4731.45

A physician who fails to comply with the bill may be subject to disciplinary action by the State Medical Board.³

HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-25-13

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³ R.C. 4731.22 (not in the bill).

