

# SENATE BILL No. 879

March 19, 2014, Introduced by Senators HILDENBRAND, SCHUITMAKER and JANSEN and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled  
"Public health code,"  
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 13524.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           SEC. 13524. (1) IF A PATIENT'S MAMMOGRAM DEMONSTRATES DENSE  
2 BREAST TISSUE, A PERSON WHO PROVIDES MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES IN THIS  
3 STATE SHALL PROVIDE NOTIFICATION TO THE PATIENT THAT INCLUDES, BUT  
4 IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION, IN THE SUMMARY OF THE  
5 WRITTEN REPORT OF THE RESULTS OF A MAMMOGRAPHY EXAMINATION THAT IS  
6 SENT DIRECTLY TO A PATIENT PURSUANT TO 42 USC 263B:

7           "YOUR MAMMOGRAM SHOWS THAT YOUR BREAST TISSUE IS DENSE. DENSE  
8 BREAST TISSUE IS VERY COMMON AND IS NOT ABNORMAL. HOWEVER, DENSE  
9 BREAST TISSUE CAN MAKE IT HARDER TO FIND CANCER THROUGH A

1 MAMMOGRAM. ALSO, DENSE BREAST TISSUE MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK FOR  
2 BREAST CANCER. THIS INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESULT OF YOUR MAMMOGRAM  
3 IS GIVEN TO YOU TO RAISE YOUR AWARENESS. USE THIS INFORMATION TO  
4 TALK TO YOUR PHYSICIAN ABOUT YOUR OWN RISK FOR BREAST CANCER. AT  
5 THAT TIME, ASK YOUR PHYSICIAN IF MORE ADVANCED SCREENING TESTS  
6 MIGHT BE USEFUL, BASED ON YOUR RISK. A REPORT OF YOUR RESULTS WAS  
7 SENT TO YOUR ORDERING PHYSICIAN. IF YOU ARE SELF-REFERRED, A REPORT  
8 OF YOUR RESULTS WAS SENT TO YOU IN ADDITION TO THIS SUMMARY.".

9 (2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "DENSE BREAST TISSUE" MEANS  
10 HETEROGENEOUSLY OR EXTREMELY DENSE BREAST TISSUE AS DEFINED IN  
11 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED GUIDELINES OR SYSTEMS FOR BREAST IMAGING  
12 REPORTING OF MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO,  
13 THE BREAST IMAGING REPORTING AND DATA SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY THE  
14 AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY. IF, AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
15 SECTION, NEW TERMS ARE DEFINED IN REVISED GUIDELINES OR SYSTEMS FOR  
16 BREAST IMAGING REPORTING OF MAMMOGRAPHY SCREENING, AND THE  
17 DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THOSE NEW TERMS ARE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR  
18 THE PURPOSES OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS  
19 SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT, BY ORDER, MAY UPDATE THE DEFINITION OF  
20 DENSE BREAST TISSUE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION TO USE THOSE NEW TERMS.  
21 UPON ISSUANCE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FORWARD AN ORDER ISSUED UNDER  
22 THIS SUBSECTION TO THE LEGISLATURE.