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8    SYNOPSIS:          This bill would require providers of

9                 mammography services to disclose certain

10                information to a patient if the patient's mammogram

11                shows dense breast tissue.

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13                              A BILL

14                          TO BE ENTITLED

15                             AN ACT

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17        Relating to breast cancer; to require providers of

18   mammography services to disclose certain information to a

19   patient if the patient's mammogram shows dense breast tissue.

20   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21        Section 1. (a) A provider of mammography services

22   shall provide notification in any summary of the mammography

23   report sent to any patient if the patient's mammogram shows

24   dense breast tissue. Where applicable, the report shall

25   include the following notice:

26        "Your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is

27   dense. Dense breast tissue is very common and is not abnormal.

1    However, dense breast tissue can make it harder to find cancer

2    on a mammogram and may also be associated with an increased

3    risk of breast cancer.

4          "This information about the result of your mammogram

5    is given to you to raise your awareness. Use this information

6    to talk to your doctor about your own risks for breast cancer.

7    At that time, ask your doctor if more screening tests might be

8    useful, based on your risk. A report of your results was sent

9    to your physician."

10         (b) For the purposes of this section, "dense breast

11   tissue" means heterogeneously dense or extremely dense tissue

12   as defined in nationally recognized guidelines or systems for

13   breast imaging reporting of mammography screening, including,

14   but not limited to, the breast imaging reporting and data

15   system of the American College of Radiology, and any

16   equivalent new terms, as the guidelines or systems are

17   updated.

18         Section 2. This act shall become effective on the

19   first day of the third month following its passage and

20   approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.