

House Bill 324

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Frazier of the 126th, Abrams of the 89th, Bell of the 58th, Randall of the 142nd, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions relating to health, so as to require certain notice in a
3 mammogram report to patients with dense breast tissue; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions relating to health, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as
9 follows:

10 "31-1-14.

11 A health care facility at which a mammography examination is performed shall, if a patient
12 is categorized by the facility as having heterogeneously dense breasts or extremely dense
13 breasts, based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the
14 American College of Radiology, include in the summary of the written report that is sent
15 to the patient, as required by federal law, the following notice:

16 'Your mammogram indicates that you have dense breast tissue. Dense breast tissue is
17 relatively common and is found in 40 percent of women. The presence of dense tissue
18 makes it more difficult to detect cancers in the breast by mammography and may be
19 associated with an increased risk of breast cancer. We are providing this information to
20 raise your awareness of this important factor and to encourage you to discuss with your
21 health care providers your dense breast tissue and other breast cancer risk factors.
22 Together, you can decide which screening options are right for you. A report of your
23 results was sent to your physician.'

24 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.