

House Bill 715

By: Representatives Hugley of the 136th, Scott of the 76th, Buckner of the 137th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Stephenson of the 90th, 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 definitions; to provide
4 for related matters; to 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 "31-1-16.

11 (a) As used in this Code section, the term:

12 (1) 'Dense breast tissue' means heterogeneously or extremely dense breast tissue based
13 on nationally recognized guidelines or systems for breast imaging reporting of
14 mammography screening including, but not limited to, the breast imaging reporting and
15 data system established by the American College of Radiology.

16 (2) 'Health care facility' means a hospital, outpatient department, clinic, radiology
17 practice, or mobile unit; an office of a physician; or other medical facility.

18 (b) If a patient's mammogram demonstrates dense breast tissue, the health care facility that
19 conducted the mammogram shall provide notification to the patient that includes, but is not
20 limited to, the following information, in the summary of the written report of the results of
21 a mammography examination that is sent directly to a patient pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
22 Section 263b:

23 'Your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense. Dense breast tissue is very
24 common and is not abnormal. However, dense breast tissue can make it harder to find
25 cancer through a mammogram. Also, dense breast tissue may increase your risk for
26 breast cancer. This information about the result of your mammogram is given to you

27 to raise your awareness. Use this information to discuss with your health care
28 provider whether other supplemental tests in addition to your mammogram may be
29 appropriate for you, based on your individual risk. A report of your results was sent
30 to your ordering physician. If you are self-referred, a report of your results was sent
31 to you in addition to this summary."

32 **SECTION 2.**

33 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.