
DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that mammography and ultrasound reports provide a specific statement to patients regarding supplemental breast cancer screening.

Present law relative to access to mammograms provides that any person who may legally perform a mammography in this state may perform a screening mammography without the direction to do so by prescription of a licensed practitioner. Provides for notification to patients of results of screening mammograms.

Proposed law retains present law, and adds thereto the following:

- (1) Designation of breast ultrasound examinations in addition to mammograms as breast cancer screening procedures which may be performed without direction to do so by prescription of a licensed practitioner.
- (2) A requirement that each notification to a patient of the results of a screening mammogram or breast ultrasound examination include the following notice:

"If your mammogram or ultrasound examination demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue, which could hide abnormalities, and you have other risk factors for breast cancer that have been identified, you might benefit from supplemental screening tests that may be suggested by your ordering physician.

Dense breast tissue, in and of itself, is a relatively common condition. Therefore, this information is not provided to cause undue concern, but rather to raise your awareness and to promote discussion with your physician regarding the presence of other risk factors, in addition to dense breast tissue."

Proposed law provides that proposed law and present law do not create a cause of action or create a standard of care, obligation, or duty that provides a basis for a cause of action. Provides further that the information required by proposed law and present law, or evidence that a person violated the provisions thereof, is not admissible in a civil, judicial, or administrative proceeding.

Proposed law provides a legislative declaration indicating that early detection of breast cancer saves lives, and that facilitating early detection of all forms of cancer is a public health priority of this state.

Proposed law shall be known as the "Monica Landry Helo Early Detection Act".

Effective Jan. 1, 2016.

(Amends R.S. 40:1300.181(A), 1300.182, and 1300.183)