

SENATE BILL No. 407

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning mammography examinations; providing for certain  
2 information and notice to the patient.

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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) Each mammography report sent to a patient in this  
6 state pursuant to regulations implementing the federal mammography  
7 quality standards act promulgated by the United States food and drug  
8 administration shall include information regarding breast density, based on  
9 the breast imaging reporting and database system established by the  
10 American college of radiology. ~~The~~ ***In those patients whose***  
11 ***mammograms demonstrate that they have heterogeneously dense or***  
12 ***extremely dense breast tissue, the*** report shall include the following  
13 notice:

14 ~~"If your mammogram demonstrates that you have dense breast tissue,~~  
15 ~~which could hide abnormalities, you may benefit from supplemental~~  
16 ~~screening tests depending on your individual risk factors. Dense breast~~  
17 ~~tissue, in and of itself, is a relatively common condition. Therefore, this~~  
18 ~~statement is not provided to cause undue concern, but rather to raise your~~  
19 ~~awareness of the limitations of mammography testing and to promote~~  
20 ~~discussion with your physician regarding the presence of other risk factors,~~  
21 ~~in addition to dense breast tissue, that may warrant supplemental~~  
22 ~~screening. A report of your mammography results, which contains~~  
23 ~~information about your breast density, has been sent to your physician's~~  
24 ~~office and you should contact your physician if you have any questions or~~  
25 ~~concerns regarding this report."~~***Your mammogram demonstrates that you***  
26 ***have dense breast tissue. Mammography has known limitations, and in***  
27 ***women who have dense breast tissue, some abnormalities may be***  
28 ***hidden. A report of your mammography results, which includes***  
29 ***information about your breast tissue density, has been sent to your***  
30 ***physician. This statement is intended to raise your awareness and***  
31 ***promote discussion with your physician regarding your test results.***  
32 ***Depending on your individual risk factors, your physician might***  
33 ***recommend additional tests. You should contact your physician if you***  
34 ***have any questions or concerns regarding your report."***

35 (b) The state board of healing arts, in conjunction with the department  
36 of health and environment, shall develop and make available to the public

1 information concerning mammography testing.

2 (c) This section shall be part of and supplemental to the Kansas  
3 healing arts act.

4 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
5 publication in the statute book.