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1 AN ACT Relating to communication of mammographic breast density
2 information to patients; and adding a new section to chapter 70.54 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 70.54 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this
7 section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8 (a) "Dense breast tissue" means heterogeneously dense or extremely
9 dense tissue as defined in nationally recognized guidelines or systems
10 for breast imaging reporting of mammography screening, including the
11 breast imaging reporting and data system of the American college of
12 radiology, as they exist on the effective date of this section.

13 (b) "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine under
14 chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW.

15 (2) If a physician has determined, after a mammogram is performed,
16 that a patient has dense breast tissue, the facility where the
17 mammogram was performed shall provide the following notice in the
18 summary of the written report sent to the patient as required by
19 federal law:

1 "Your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense.
2 Dense breast tissue is common but can make it harder to
3 evaluate the results of your mammogram. Adult women of all
4 ages are encouraged to perform a monthly breast self-exam.
5 This information about your mammogram results is given to you
6 to raise your awareness and to inform your conversations with
7 your primary care provider. A report of your results was sent
8 to your primary care provider."

9 (3) This section does not create a duty of care or impose any
10 liability on a physician or health care facility beyond the duty to
11 provide notice as required in this section.

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