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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a notification requirement for mammogram
2 reports.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 136C.3, subsection 10, Code 2013, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 10. a. Adopt rules specifying the minimum training and
4 performance standards for an individual using a radiation
5 machine for mammography, and other rules necessary to
6 implement section 136C.15. The rules shall complement federal
7 requirements applicable to similar radiation machinery and
8 shall not be less stringent than those federal requirements.

9 b. (1) Adopt rules to require that, by January 1, 2014,
10 a facility where mammography services are performed shall
11 include information on breast density in mammogram reports sent
12 to patients pursuant to regulations implementing the federal
13 Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992, Pub. L. No. 102-539,
14 as amended, and include in the report sent to a patient who
15 has dense breast tissue, as determined by the interpreting
16 physician based on standards promulgated by the American
17 college of radiology, a notice that contains the following
18 language:

19 Your mammogram demonstrates that you may have dense breast
20 tissue, which can hide cancer or other abnormalities. A
21 report of your mammography results, which contains information
22 about your breast density, has been sent to your referring
23 physician's office, and you should contact your physician if
24 you have any questions or concerns about this report.

25 (2) Nothing in this lettered paragraph "b" shall be
26 construed to create or impose liability on a facility where
27 mammography services are performed beyond the duty to provide
28 notice as set forth in this lettered paragraph "b".

29 (3) Nothing in this lettered paragraph "b" shall be deemed
30 to require a notice that is inconsistent with the provisions
31 of the federal Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992, Pub.
32 L. No. 102-539, as amended, or any regulations promulgated
33 pursuant to that Act.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill establishes a notification requirement for

1 mammogram reports. The bill directs the department of public
2 health to adopt rules that require a facility performing
3 mammography services to include information on breast density
4 in mammogram reports that are sent to patients pursuant to
5 federal law and rules. If a patient has dense breast tissue,
6 as determined by the standards of the American college of
7 radiology, the facility providing mammography services must
8 send a notice containing the language provided in the bill.
9 The notice informs the patient that the mammogram demonstrates
10 the patient may have dense breast tissue which can hide cancer
11 or other abnormalities and directs the patient to contact the
12 physician with further questions or concerns.

13 The bill states that it does not impose liability on the
14 facility performing mammography services beyond the duty to
15 provide the breast density notice.

16 The facility providing mammography services must comply with
17 the notice requirement by January 1, 2014.