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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost and Patricia D. Jehlen

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to breast cancer early detection.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Harriette L. Chandler	*First Worcester*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Danielle W. Gregoire	*4th Middlesex*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	*16th Suffolk*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Paul A. Schmid, III	*8th Bristol*
Elizabeth A. Malia	*11th Suffolk*

Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville and Senator Jehlen, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1050) of Denise Provost and others relative to mammography services and breast cancer early detection for medical assistance recipients. Health Care Financing.

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An Act relative to breast cancer early detection.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 10D of Chapter 118E of the general laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following subsection:-
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4 (b) Every provider of mammography services shall, if a patient's mammogram reveals dense
5 breast tissue, as determined by the interpreting physician based on standards promulgated by the
6 American College of Radiology, provide notification to such patient that shall include at
7 minimum the following information:
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9 1) That the patient's mammogram shows dense breast tissue.
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11 2) That dense breast tissue is common and not abnormal, but that dense breast tissue may
12 increase the risk of breast cancer.
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14 3) That dense breast tissue can make it more difficult to find cancer on a mammogram, and that
15 sometimes additional testing is needed for reliable breast cancer screening.
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17 4) The interpreting physician's determination whether or not additional testing is
18 recommended for the patient. If additional testing is recommended, then the interpreting
19 physician shall make or note the need for an appropriate referral.
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21 5) That under the Massachusetts Patient's Bill of Rights, the patient has the right to discuss the
22 results of the patient's mammogram with the interpreting radiologist or the referring physician.
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24 6) That a report of the patient's mammogram has been sent to the referring physician, and will
25 become part of the patient's medical record.