

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1050**

**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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to breast cancer early detection.

PETITION OF:

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



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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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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

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:-

3 (b) Every provider of mammography services shall, if a patient’s mammogram reveals  
4 dense breast tissue, as determined by the interpreting physician based on standards promulgated  
5 by the American College of Radiology, provide notification to such patient that shall include at  
6 minimum the following information:

- 7 1) That the patient’s mammogram shows dense breast tissue.
- 8 2) That dense breast tissue is common and not abnormal, but that dense breast tissue may  
9 increase the risk of breast cancer.
- 10 3) That dense breast tissue can make it more difficult to find cancer on a mammogram,  
11 and that sometimes additional testing is needed for reliable breast cancer screening.
- 12 4) The interpreting physician’s determination whether or not additional testing is  
13 recommended for the patient. If additional testing is recommended, then the interpreting  
14 physician shall make or note the need for an appropriate referral.
- 15 5) That under the Massachusetts Patient’s Bill of Rights, the patient has the right to  
16 discuss the results of the patient’s mammogram with the interpreting radiologist or the referring  
17 physician.

18           6) That a report of the patient's mammogram has been sent to the referring physician, and  
19 will become part of the patient's medical record.