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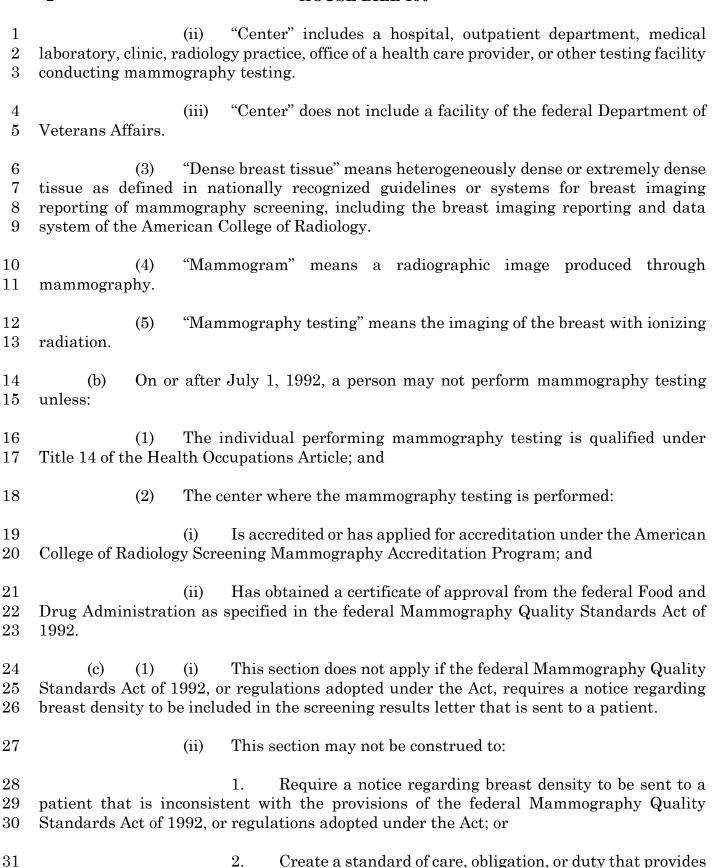
A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning										
2 3	Mammography Centers – Dense Breast Tissue – Notification of Breast Cancer Screening Options										
4 5 6 7	FOR the purpose of altering the notice that certain mammography centers are required to include in a certain screening results letter to specify examples of additional breas imaging tests that might be right for the patient; and generally relating to notice of screening options for breast cancer.										
8 9 10 11 12	Article – Health – General Section 20–115 Annotated Code of Maryland										
13 14	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:										
15	Article - Health - General										
16	20–115.										
17	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.										
18 19	interprets:	(2)	(i)	"Center"	means	any	facility	that	produces,	develops	, 01
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a basis for a cause of action.



(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, a center where mammography testing is performed shall include in a screening results letter that is sent to a patient, as required by federal law, the following notice: "This notice contains the results of your recent mammogram, including information about breast density.

If your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense, you should know that dense breast tissue is a common finding and is not abnormal, with about half of women having dense or highly dense breasts. However, dense breast tissue can make it harder to find cancer on a mammogram and may also be associated with an increased risk of cancer.

This information about the result of your mammogram is given to you to raise your awareness and to inform your conversations with your physician. Together, you can decide [which screening options] WHETHER ADDITIONAL BREAST IMAGING TESTS, INCLUDING DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY, BREAST ULTRASOUND, MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING, OR BREAST TOMOSYNTHESIS, are right for you based on your mammogram results, individual risk factors, or physical examination. A report of your results was sent to your physician."

- (3) If the Department finds significant differences between the content of the notice that is required to be provided under paragraph (2) of this subsection and current medical evidence on breast density, the Department may adopt regulations that change the content of the notice.
- 20 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the penalty for a violation of subsection (b) of this section may not exceed \$1,000.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2017.