

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2018 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/CS/HB 735 — Mammography

by Health and Human Services Committee; Health Innovation Subcommittee; and Rep. Harrell and others (CS/CS/SB 164 by Rules Committee; Health Policy Committee; and Senator Grimsley)

The bill codifies federal definitions of facility and mammography and requires that each facility that performs mammography must send a summary of a patient's mammography report to each patient.

If a facility determines that a patient has dense breasts, the facility has the additional requirement to include a specific notice to the patient that the mammogram shows that the patient's breast tissue is dense, which makes it more difficult to detect some abnormalities in the breast, and dense breasts may also be associated with an increased risk of breast cancer. This information is provided to raise the patient's awareness. The notice also advises the patient that additional screenings may not be covered by the patient's insurance.

The bill provides that no additional duty, standard of care, or other legal obligation is created beyond the duty to provide the notice under this act.

This act is repealed June 30, 2023.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 37-0; House 114-0