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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY - THE BREAST CANCER ACT

Introduced By: Senators Coyne, DiMario, Kallman, Quezada, Valverde, Sosnowski,
Gallo, Lawson, de la Cruz, and Euer

Date Introduced: March 18, 2021

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 23-12.7-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 23-12.7 entitled "The
2 Breast Cancer Act" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **23-12.7-3. Program established.**

4 (a) Through funding from the Rhode Island Cancer Council, the Rhode Island department
5 of health is required to establish a program of free mammography screening according to American
6 Cancer Society standards, and, where required, follow-up, diagnostic testing, and case management
7 for women in the state who are uninsured or underinsured.

8 (b) The screening program shall:

9 (1) Secure radiology facilities to participate in the screening program;

10 (2) Pay for screening mammograms;

11 (3) Ensure that screening results are sent directly to the patient [by mail, electronically or](#)
12 [otherwise](#), in a timely manner;

13 (4) Provide diagnostic tests as required to diagnose breast cancer;

14 (5) Provide case management facilitating appropriate contact to breast surgeons, medical
15 oncologists, and radiation oncologists; and

16 (6) Provide follow-up support to women who are found to have breast cancer as a result of
17 this screening program.

18 (c) The director of the Rhode Island department of health is required to provide a quarterly
19 report to the general assembly on the program of free mammography screening, follow up

1 diagnostic testing and case management, and public education. An advisory committee concerned
2 with advocacy, outreach, and public education shall meet on a quarterly basis and report to the
3 director.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would allow individuals to be sent breast cancer screening results by mail,
- 2 electronically or otherwise.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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