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CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that Bill No. 525-31 (COR), "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW §2208.1 TO ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MAMMOGRAMS", was on the 26th day of November 2012, duly and regularly passed.

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Attested:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 28th day of Nov., 2012, at 11:10 o'clock A.M.

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AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW §2208.1 TO ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 10, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO MAMMOGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. Under federal law, and specifically the Affordable Care Act, doctors must provide certain specific information concerning the health and care of their patients. Relative to mammography screenings, which are required every one (1) to two (2) years for women over forty (40) years of age, a written report of the results of each mammography examination, and a summary of that report, must be sent to the patient

within a specified time period.

I Liheslatura finds that while dense breast tissue is common, and is *not* abnormal, such tissue can make it more difficult to evaluate the results of a mammogram and may also be associated with an increased risk of breast cancer. Information concerning dense breast tissue should be provided, in addition to the results of their mammogram, to those specific patients with dense breast tissue in order to raise the awareness of those patients.

I Liheslatura additionally finds that digital mammography has been shown to be more effective in the early detection of breast cancer in women with dense breast tissue when compared to film based mammography.

It is the intent of *I Liheslatura* that each health facility at which mammography examinations are performed *shall* include in the written summary of the report sent to the patient, a prescribed notice concerning breast density when the interpretive report indicates that the breasts are of high density as defined by the American College of Radiology. In such situations, it is the intent of this legislation to require the facility to notify the woman that digital mammography should be considered as it may allow for an earlier detection of breast cancer.

Section 2. A new § 2208.1 is *added* to Article 2, Chapter 2 of Title 10, Guam Code Annotated , to read as follows:

"**§ 2208.1. Dense Breast Screening Notice to Patients.**

If a mammography examination reveals a patient is categorized as having heterogeneously dense breasts or extremely dense breasts, based on the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology, the health facility *shall* include in the summary of the written report that is sent to the patient, as required by federal law, the following notice:

"Your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense. Dense breast

tissue is common and is not abnormal. However, dense breast tissue can make it harder to evaluate the results of your mammogram and may also be associated with an increased risk of breast cancer. Your exam was completed using a film-based system. You are advised to consider digital mammography as it has been shown to be more effective for the detection of breast cancer in women with dense breasts when compared to mammography using a film-based system.

This information about the results of your mammogram is given to you to raise your awareness and should be discussed with your health care provider. Together, you can decide which screening options are right for you. A report of your results was sent to your physician."