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#### STATE RHODE ISLAND OF

### IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

## AN ACT

### 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 Cancer Society standards, and, where required, follow-up, diagnostic testing, and case management 6 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; (3) Ensure that screening results are sent directly to the patient by mail, electronically or 11 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

(c) The director of the Rhode Island department of health is required to provide a quarterly

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

## BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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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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