COMMITTEE REPORT

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**S. 339**

Introduced by Senators Lourie and Scott

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**THE COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 339) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, so as to enact “Hope’s Law” by adding Section 44‑115‑160 so as to require mammogram, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

HARVEY S. PEELER, JR. for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT “HOPE’S LAW” BY ADDING SECTION 44‑115‑160 SO AS TO REQUIRE MAMMOGRAM PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE A MAMMOGRAM REPORT TO PATIENTS ABOUT BREAST DENSITY AND TO REQUIRE THESE PROVIDERS TO INCLUDE A CONSPICUOUS NOTICE WHEN A MAMMOGRAM SHOWS THE PRESENCE OF DENSE BREAST TISSUE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. This act is entitled “Hope’s Law”.

SECTION 2. Chapter 115, Title 44 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 44‑115‑160. A mammography report must be provided to a patient by the mammogram provider, and this report must include information about breast density based on the requirements of the Breast Imaging Reporting and Data System established by the American College of Radiology. Where applicable, this report must include the following notice in conspicuous language: ‘Your mammogram shows that your breast tissue is dense. Dense 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. This information about the results of your mammogram is given to you to raise your awareness and to inform your conversations with your doctor. Together, you can decide which screening options are right for you. A report of your results was sent to your physician.’ ”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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