
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1656 Session of
2013

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DELOZIER, NEILSON, EVANKOVICH, MOLCHANY AND LAWRENCE,
AUGUST 26, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, AUGUST 26, 2013

AN ACT

1 Repealing the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1068, No.213),
2 entitled "An act requiring physicians to obtain informed
3 consent from patients for treatment of breast disease."

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. The act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1068, No.213),
7 entitled "An act requiring physicians to obtain informed consent
8 from patients for treatment of breast disease," amended October
9 9, 1986 (P.L.1417, No.131), is repealed:

10 [AN ACT

11 Requiring physicians to obtain informed consent from patients
12 for treatment of breast disease.

13 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
14 hereby enacts as follows:

15 Section 1. Before a physician operates on a patient for a

1 tumor of the breast, a consent form shall have been executed
2 which includes the following:

3 "CONSENT FOR TREATMENT OF BREAST DISEASE"

4 Sign option (a) or option (b), or option (a) and option (b).

5 (a) Breast Biopsy

6 Side (right or left)

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8 Patient's Signature

9 (b) If it is determined that I have a malignant tumor in my
10 breast or other breast abnormality requiring surgery, then I
11 authorize Dr. to perform such operations or
12 procedures, including breast removal, which are deemed
13 necessary. I have been informed of the current medically
14 accepted alternatives to radical mastectomy.

15 Procedure:

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18 Patient's Signature

19 Section 2. In addition to civil proceedings, failure to
20 comply with the provisions of this act shall subject the
21 physician to disciplinary action under the act of July 20, 1974
22 (P.L.551, No.190), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1974, or
23 under the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as
24 the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

25 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.]

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.