

No. 1986-131

AN ACT

SB 1152

Amending the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1068, No.213), entitled "An act requiring physicians to obtain informed consent from patients for treatment of breast cancer," making editorial changes.

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

Section 1. The title of the act of December 18, 1984 (P.L.1068, No.213), entitled "An act requiring physicians to obtain informed consent from patients for treatment of breast cancer," is amended to read:

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Requiring physicians to obtain informed consent from patients for treatment of breast [cancer] disease.

Section 2. Section 1 of the act is amended to read:

Section 1. Before a physician operates on a patient for a tumor of the breast, a consent form shall have been executed which includes the following:

"CONSENT FOR TREATMENT OF BREAST [CANCER] DISEASE"

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

(a) Breast Biopsy
Side (right or left)

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Patient's Signature

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

Procedure:
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Patient's Signature

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

APPROVED—The 9th day of October, A. D. 1986.

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