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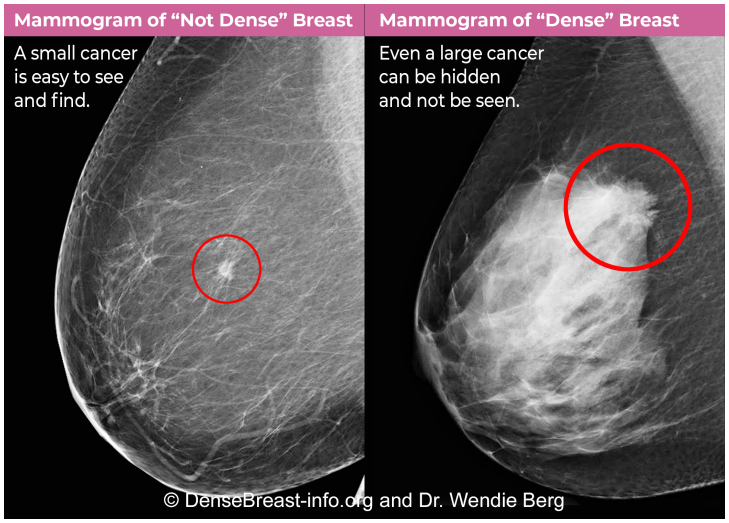
Find It Early Act, HR6182, S1410

This bill will help address insurance barriers to breast cancer screening. The result will be earlier detection of breast cancer in women with dense breasts or at increased risk.

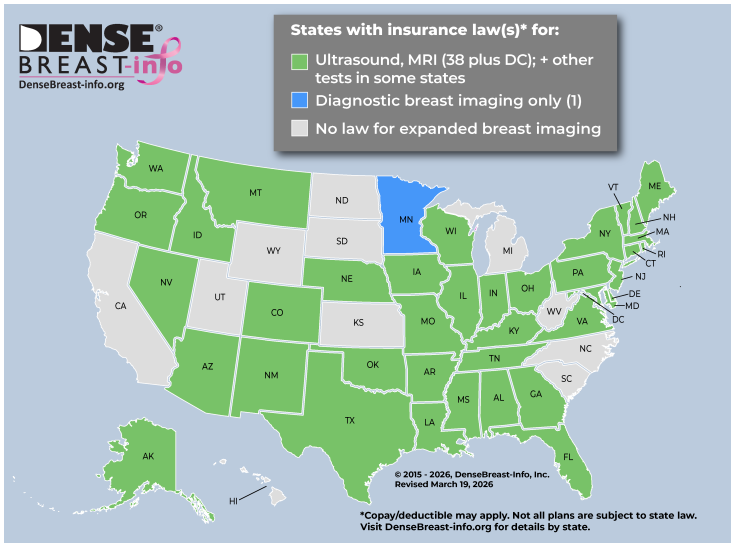
- Introduced by sponsors Reps. Rosa DeLauro (D), Brian Fitzpatrick (R), and Sens. Amy Klobuchar (D), Roger Marshall (R).

- The Act would require insurers to cover additional breast imaging after a mammogram, with no out-of-pocket costs for women with dense breasts or at higher risk (for example, *BRCA* or other disease-causing mutation carriers, those with family/personal history of cancer, or other reason).

- Women who cannot afford these costs may delay or skip the extra testing needed to find breast cancer.



On a mammogram, it can be hard to see a cancer in a dense breast. Other tests after a woman's mammogram, like ultrasound or especially MRI, substantially increase cancer detection in dense breasts.



- A delay can have important consequences because *when* breast cancer is found, *matters.* Breast cancer found at an early stage has a 5-year survival rate of 99%. Breast cancer found at a later stage has 5-year survival rate of under 30%.

- 39 states plus DC have laws requiring insurers to cover some level of additional breast imaging. However, there are insurance plans that do not have to follow state laws. The Find It Early Act would close those loopholes and cover both private and public plans including Medicare, TRICARE and VHA.

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