



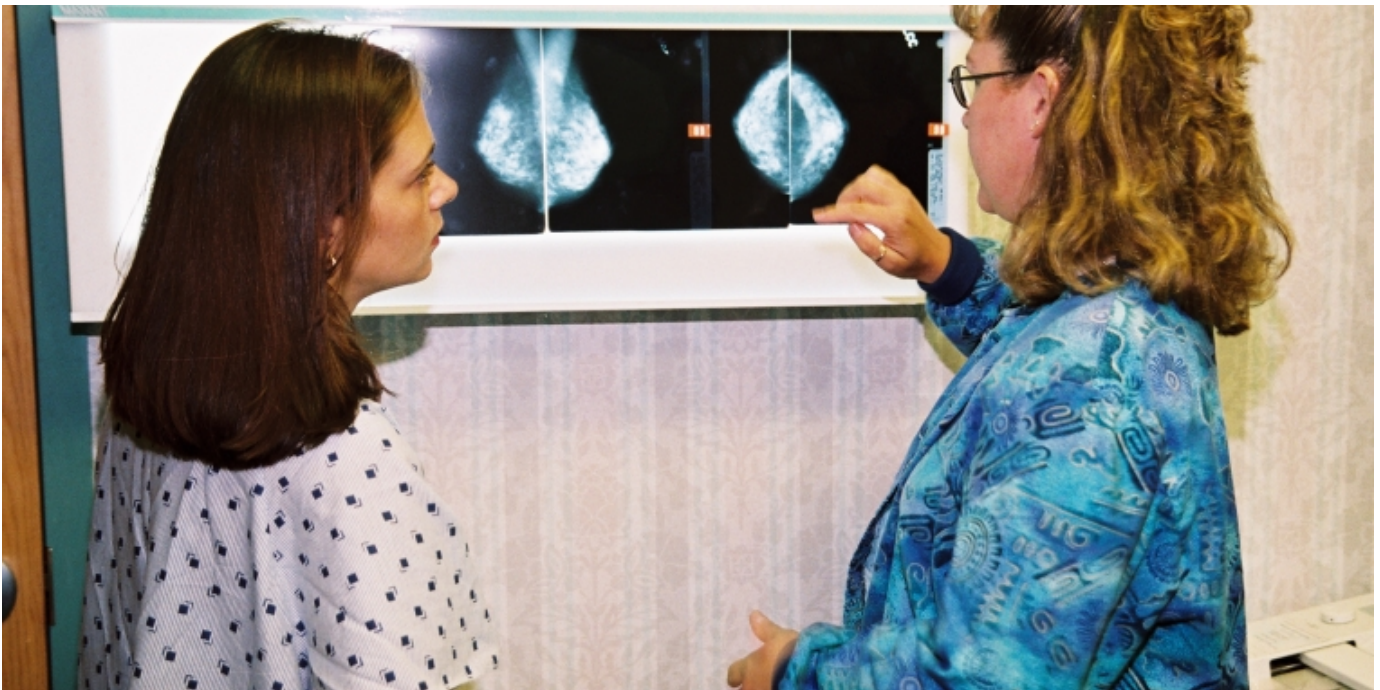
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Hugh T. Farley

SEN. FARLEY REPORTS SENATE PASSES BREAST CANCER SCREENING LEGISLATION

SENATOR HUGH T. FARLEY June 17, 2016

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State Senator Hugh T. Farley (R, C, I – Schenectady) announced that he and his colleagues in the New York State Senate gave final passage was given to a vital measure that will improve access to and coverage for breast cancer screening for women throughout the state. Bill S8093 is part of an agreement with the Governor and the Assembly to facilitate breast cancer detection by eliminating cost-sharing for screening, extending hours for mammography services, and ensuring all public employees in the state are afforded work leave for screening.

Expanding Breast Cancer Screening by Eliminating Insurance Cost Requirements

This measure removes the cost-sharing (e.g. annual deductibles or coinsurance) requirements for screening and diagnostic imaging for the detection of breast cancer. Eliminating these insurance barriers will prevent women from paying out-of-pocket for breast cancer screening, including imaging for the detection of breast cancer, diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasounds, or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

Extending Hours for Mammography Services

To help individuals whose schedules may prevent them from finding available appointments to schedule mammograms, the bill requires hospitals and their extension clinics that provide mammography services throughout the state to provide extended hours in the early morning, evening, or on the weekend, in two-hour increments on at least two days, for a total of at least four hours each week. Facilities can choose between the following time slots to fulfill the requirements: 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday or Sunday.

Allotting Work-Leave Hours for Breast Cancer Screening

To further encourage and ensure access to regular screening and early detection, this measure allows New York City public employees to take up to four hours of excused leave per year for breast cancer screening. This will give them the same opportunity to get screened as public employees in the rest of the state.

The bill will be sent to the Governor.

2015-S8093

- Introduced

- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate

- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate

- Delivered to Governor

- Signed By Governor

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Relates to coverage for the detection of breast cancer, requiring certified mammography facilities to provide extended hours and excused leave to undertake a breast cancer screening

June 12, 2016

Signed by Governor

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