

No. 1984-213

AN ACT

HB 1972

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

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

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”

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

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

APPROVED—The 18th day of December, A. D. 1984.

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