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Representative Dunn of Essex moves that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Sec. 1. 8 V.S.A. § 4100a is amended to read:

§ 4100a. MAMMOGRAMS AND OTHER BREAST IMAGING SERVICES;
COVERAGE REQUIRED

(a) Insurers shall provide coverage for screening **by mammography and for medically necessary diagnostic mammography and for other breast imaging services upon the recommendation of a health care provider, ultrasound, and magnetic resonance imaging** as needed to detect the presence of breast cancer, **as provided by this subchapter** and other abnormalities of the breast or breast tissue. Benefits provided shall cover the full cost of **the** mammography service **and other breast imaging, ultrasound, and magnetic resonance imaging** services and shall not be subject to any co-payment, deductible, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing requirement or additional charge, **except to the extent that such coverage would disqualify a high-deductible health plan from eligibility for a health savings account pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 223.**

(b) ~~For females 40 years or older, coverage shall be provided for an annual screening. For females less than 40 years of age, coverage for screening shall be provided upon recommendation of a health care provider. [Repealed.]~~

1 (c) ~~After January 1, 1994, this~~ This section shall apply only to **screening**
2 procedures conducted by test facilities accredited by the American College of
3 Radiologists.

4 (d) As used in this subchapter:

5 (1) “Insurer” means any insurance company ~~which~~ that provides health
6 insurance as defined in subdivision 3301(a)(2) of this title, nonprofit hospital
7 and medical service corporations, and health maintenance organizations. The
8 term does not apply to coverage for specified ~~disease~~ diseases or other limited
9 benefit coverage.

10 (2) “Mammography” means the x-ray examination of the breast using
11 equipment dedicated specifically for mammography, including the x-ray tube,
12 filter, compression device, screens, films, and cassettes. **The term includes**
13 **breast tomosynthesis.**

14 (3) ~~“Other breast imaging services” includes diagnostic~~
15 ~~mammography, ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging, and other~~
16 ~~imaging services and technologies that enable health care providers to~~
17 ~~detect the presence or absence of breast cancer and other abnormalities~~
18 ~~affecting the breast or breast tissue.~~

19 (4) “Screening” includes the mammography test procedure and a
20 qualified physician’s interpretation of the results of the procedure, including
21 additional views and interpretation as needed.

1 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2 This act shall take effect on ~~October 1, 2018~~ **January 1, 2019** and shall
3 apply to all health insurance plans issued on and after ~~October 1, 2018~~
4 **January 1, 2019** on such date as a health insurer offers, issues, or renews the
5 health insurance plan, but in no event later than ~~October 1, 2019~~ **January 1,**
6 **2020.**