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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 7124**

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MAMMOGRAMS AND BREAST ULTRASOUNDS.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill expands coverage for ultrasound screenings under certain health insurance policies to include any woman whose physician recommends one and who is (1) age 40 and older, (2) has a family history or prior personal history of breast cancer, or (3) has a prior personal history of benign breast disease. Under current law, these policies must cover ultrasounds for women with dense breast tissue, family or personal history of breast cancer, positive genetic testing, or other high risk indications.

The bill applies to each insurer, hospital or medical service corporation, HMO, or fraternal benefit society that delivers, issues, renews, amends, or continues in Connecticut (1) individual or group health insurance policies that cover (a) basic hospital expenses; (b) basic medical-surgical expenses; (c) major medical expenses; or (d) hospital or medical services, including those provided under an HMO plan, and (2) individual health insurance policies that provide limited benefit health coverage.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2020

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Related Bill***

sSB 838, favorably reported by the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, similarly expands ultrasound coverage.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/19/2019)