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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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Ms. HOULAHAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 The Act may be cited as the “Better and Robust  
5 Screening Today Act” or the “BRST Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) A woman born today has a one in eight  
4 chance of being diagnosed with breast cancer at  
5 some time during her life.

6 (2) Breast cancer is the most commonly diag-  
7 nosed cancer and the second leading cause of cancer  
8 death among women.

9 (3) Death rates from breast cancer in the  
10 United States have dropped 40 percent between  
11 1989 and 2017 which translates to 375,900 deaths  
12 avoided during those 28 years.

13 (4) The decline in breast cancer death rates  
14 have been attributed to both improvements in treat-  
15 ment and early detection and screening.

16 (5) When breast cancer is detected in an early  
17 and localized stage, the five-year survival rate is 99  
18 percent, further demonstrating why proper screening  
19 is essential.

20 (6) Conventional mammography and digital  
21 mammography are known to be less effective in the  
22 breast cancer screening process for all women, in-  
23 cluding those with dense breast tissue, than digital  
24 breast tomosynthesis screening.

1           (7) Medicare and the Veterans Health Adminis-  
2           tration cover digital breast tomosynthesis mammog-  
3           raphy screenings.

4           (8) The TRICARE program does not currently  
5           cover digital breast tomosynthesis mammography  
6           screenings.

7 **SEC. 3. IMPROVEMENT TO BREAST CANCER SCREENING.**

8           Section 1074d(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code,  
9           is amended by inserting before the period at the end the  
10          following: “, including through the use of digital breast  
11          tomosynthesis”.