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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
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 WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
 OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Professions & Public
 2 Health Subcommittee
 3 Representative Silvers offered the following:

Amendment

Remove lines 30-90 and insert:

483.912 Legislative findings and intent.—The sole
legislative purpose for enacting this part is to ensure that
every genetic counselor practicing in this state meets minimum
requirements for safe practice. The Legislature finds that the
delivery of genetic counseling services by unskilled and
incompetent persons presents a danger to public health and
safety. Because it is difficult for the public to make informed
choices related to genetic counseling services and since the
consequences of uninformed choices can seriously endanger public
health and safety, it is the intent of the Legislature to

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17 prohibit the delivery of genetic counseling services by persons
18 who are determined to possess less than minimum competencies or
19 who otherwise present a danger to the public.

20 483.913 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

21 (1) "Department" means the Department of Health.

22 (2) "Genetic counselor" means a person licensed under this
23 part to practice genetic counseling.

24 (3) "Scope of practice of genetic counseling" means the
25 process of advising an individual or a family affected by or at
26 risk of genetic disorders, including:

27 (a) Obtaining and evaluating individual and family medical
28 histories to determine risk for genetic or medical conditions
29 and diseases in an individual, his or her offspring, and other
30 family members.

31 (b) Discussing the clinical features, family history,
32 means of diagnosis, genetic and environmental factors, and
33 management of risk for genetic or medical conditions and
34 diseases.

35 (c) Identifying, ordering, and coordinating genetic
36 laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies as appropriate for
37 the genetic assessment.

38 (d) Integrating genetic laboratory test results and other
39 diagnostic studies with individual and family medical histories
40 to assess and communicate risk factors for genetic or medical
41 conditions and diseases.

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42 (e) Explaining the clinical implications of genetic
43 laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies and the results.

44 (f) Evaluating the individual's or the family's responses
45 to the condition or risk of recurrence and provide client-
46 centered counseling and anticipatory guidance.

47 (g) Identifying and utilizing community resources that
48 provide medical, educational, financial, and psychosocial
49 support and advocacy.

50 (h) Providing written documentation of medical, genetic,
51 and counseling information for individuals, families, and health
52 care professionals.

53 (i) Referring individuals to a physician for diagnosis and
54 treatment.

55 483.914 Licensure requirements.-

56 (1) A person desiring to be licensed as a genetic
57 counselor under this part must apply to the department on a form
58 approved by the department.

59 (2) The department shall issue a license, valid for a
60 period of 2 years after the date of issuance, to each applicant
61 who:

62 (a) Has completed an application.

63 (b) Is of good moral character.

64 (c) Provides satisfactory documentation of having earned:

65 1. A master's degree from a genetic counseling training
66 program or an equivalent program as determined by the

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67 Accreditation Council of Genetic Counseling or its successor or
68 equivalent; or

69 2. A doctoral degree from a medical genetics training
70 program accredited by the American Board of Medical Genetics and
71 Genomics or the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists.

72 (d) Has passed the examination for certification as:

73 1. A genetic counselor by the American Board of Genetic
74 Counseling, Inc., the American Board of Medical Genetics and
75 Genomics, or the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors; or

76 2. A medical or clinical geneticist by the American Board
77 of Medical Genetics and Genomics or the Canadian College of
78 Medical Geneticists.

79 (3) The department may issue a temporary license for up to
80 2 years to an applicant who meets all of the requirements for
81 licensure except for the examination requirement in this section
82 and is eligible to sit for the next available certification
83 examination.