

LEGISLATIVE ACTION Senate House Comm: RCS 03/24/2021

The Committee on Health Policy (Jones) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

3 Delete lines 48 - 92

and insert:

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- (3) "Scope of practice of genetic counseling" means the process of advising an individual or a family affected by or at risk of genetic disorders, including:
- (a) Obtaining and evaluating individual, family, and medical histories to determine genetic risk for genetic or medical conditions and diseases in a patient, his or her



offspring, and other family members;
(b) Discussing the features, natural history, means of
diagnosis, genetic and environmental factors, and management of
risk for genetic or medical conditions and diseases;
(c) Identifying, ordering, and coordinating genetic
laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies as appropriate for
a genetic assessment;
(d) Integrating genetic laboratory test results and other
diagnostic studies with personal and family medical history to
assess and communicate risk factors for genetic or medical
<pre>conditions and diseases;</pre>
(e) Explaining the clinical implications of genetic
laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies and their results;
(f) Evaluating the client's or family's responses to the
condition or risk of recurrence and providing client-centered
counseling and anticipatory guidance;
(g) Identifying and using community resources that provide
medical, educational, financial, and psychosocial support and
advocacy;
(h) Providing written documentation of medical, genetic,
and counseling information for families and health care
<pre>professionals; and</pre>
(i) Referring patients to a physician for diagnosis and
<pre>treatment.</pre>
483.914 Licensure requirements.—
(1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a genetic
counselor under this part must apply to the department on a form
approved by department rule.

(2) The department shall issue a license, valid for 2



10	<pre>years, to each applicant who:</pre>
11	(a) Has completed an application.
12	(b) Is of good moral character.
13	(c) Provides satisfactory documentation of having earned:
14	1. A master's degree from a genetic counseling training
15	program or its equivalent as determined by the Accreditation
16	Council of Genetic Counseling or its successor or an equivalent
17	entity; or
18	2. A doctoral degree from a medical genetics training
19	program accredited by the American Board of Medical Genetics and
50	Genomics or the Canadian College of Medical Geneticists.
51	(d) Has passed the examination for certification as:
52	1. A genetic counselor by the American Board of Genetic
53	Counseling, Inc., the American Board of Medical Genetics and
54	Genomics, or the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors; or
55	2. A medical or clinical geneticist by the American Board
56	of Medical Genetics and Genomics or the Canadian College of
57	Medical Geneticists.
58	(3) The department may issue a temporary license for up to
59	2 years to an applicant who meets all requirements for licensure
50	except for the certification examination requirement imposed
51	under paragraph (2)(d) and is eligible to sit for that
52	<u>certification examination.</u>