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Senator Stargel moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Delete line 191

and insert:

483.918 Conscience clause.—This part may not be construed to require any genetic counselor to participate in counseling that conflicts with his or her deeply held moral or religious beliefs. The licensing of a genetic counselor may not be contingent upon participation in such counseling. A counselor's refusal to participate in counseling that conflicts with his or her deeply held moral or religious beliefs may not form the



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12 basis for any claim of damages or for any disciplinary action
13 against the genetic counselor, provided the genetic counselor
14 informs the patient that he or she will not participate in such
15 counseling and offers to direct the patient to the online health
16 care practitioner license verification database maintained by
17 the department.

18 483.919 Exemptions.—This part does not apply to:

20 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

21 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

22 Delete line 23

23 and insert:

24 483.915, 483.916, 483.917, 483.918, and 483.919, Florida
25 Statutes, is

27 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

28 And the title is amended as follows:

29 Between lines 12 and 13

30 insert:

31 providing construction; prohibiting the licensing of a
32 genetic counselor from being contingent on his or her
33 participation in counseling that conflicts with his or
34 her deeply held moral or religious beliefs; providing
35 genetic counselors with immunity from a claim of
36 damages or disciplinary action under certain
37 circumstances;