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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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

**Senate Amendment**

Delete lines 48 - 92  
and insert:

(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



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11 offspring, and other family members;

12 (b) Discussing the features, natural history, means of  
13 diagnosis, genetic and environmental factors, and management of  
14 risk for genetic or medical conditions and diseases;

15 (c) Identifying, ordering, and coordinating genetic  
16 laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies as appropriate for  
17 a genetic assessment;

18 (d) Integrating genetic laboratory test results and other  
19 diagnostic studies with personal and family medical history to  
20 assess and communicate risk factors for genetic or medical  
21 conditions and diseases;

22 (e) Explaining the clinical implications of genetic  
23 laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies and their results;

24 (f) Evaluating the client's or family's responses to the  
25 condition or risk of recurrence and providing client-centered  
26 counseling and anticipatory guidance;

27 (g) Identifying and using community resources that provide  
28 medical, educational, financial, and psychosocial support and  
29 advocacy;

30 (h) Providing written documentation of medical, genetic,  
31 and counseling information for families and health care  
32 professionals; and

33 (i) Referring patients to a physician for diagnosis and  
34 treatment.

35 483.914 Licensure requirements.-

36 (1) Any person desiring to be licensed as a genetic  
37 counselor under this part must apply to the department on a form  
38 approved by department rule.

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



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40 years, to each applicant who:

41 (a) Has completed an application.

42 (b) Is of good moral character.

43 (c) Provides satisfactory documentation of having earned:

44 1. A master's degree from a genetic counseling training  
45 program or its equivalent as determined by the Accreditation  
46 Council of Genetic Counseling or its successor or an equivalent  
47 entity; or

48 2. A doctoral degree from a medical genetics training  
49 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  
60 except for the certification examination requirement imposed  
61 under paragraph (2) (d) and is eligible to sit for that  
62 certification examination.