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Senator Darling:

Pursuant to the drafting instructions in David Volz's March 4, 2008, e-mail, this draft makes some changes to the term and expiration of temporary licenses issued by the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board (board).

Eligibility to seeking a temporary license. Under the previous draft, the board may issue a temporary license to a person who satisfies the requirements of s. 448.974 and who has applied for active candidate status but has not yet passed an exam under s. 448.974 (1) (d) 2. The eligibility requirements for seeking a temporary license do not change in this draft.

Term of a temporary license. A temporary license issued under the previous draft had a one-year term. As revised, this draft provides that the temporary license does not have an express term. However, the temporary license expires 60 days after the next examination for licensure is given by the American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) or on the date following the examination on which the ABGC reports the results of the examination, whichever occurs first. If the holder of a temporary license fails to submit to the next exam offered by the ABGC, the temporary license automatically expires on the day of the examination.

Renewal of temporary license. The previous draft authorized the board to renew a temporary license annually for not more than five years; this draft authorizes the board to renew a temporary license only once.

Please note that item 3 of the drafting instructions in the March 4 e-mail requested that I modify the term "genetic counselor" in proposed s. 448.975 with "Wisconsin licensed." However, the term "genetic counselor" is defined in the bill as "an individual who is licensed by the affiliated credentialing board to practice genetic counseling." The addition of "Wisconsin licensed," therefore, is not necessary.

Please let me know if you have any questions or wish to make additional changes.

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