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Senator Darling:

In this draft I have made the following changes:

1. Renewal fee. I established a fee of \$106; this is the fee a physician must pay to renew a license. Is this acceptable?
2. Definitions. I define "American Board of Genetic Counseling" (ABGC) to include a successor organization as determined by the affiliated credentialing board, and I modified the definition of "genetic counseling."
3. Rule-making powers. This draft provides more specific instructions to the genetic counselors affiliated credentialing board (GCACB) regarding requirements for renewal of a genetic counselor license.
4. Certification and examination by ABGC. An applicant for licensure must demonstrate that he or she has passed an examination administered by ABGC and has obtained, maintained, and, if applicable, achieved recertification from ABGC.
5. Reciprocity and temporary licensure. This draft permits the GCACB to grant a license to a person who holds a license from another state, territory, foreign country, or province if the licensure requirements of that state, territory, foreign country, or province are not less than those of this state. Okay?

This draft also permits the GCACB to grant a temporary license to an applicant who has applied for active candidate status with ABGC but who has not passed an exam administered by ABGC.

6. Revocation of licensure. This draft requires the GCACB to revoke the license of a genetic counselor who has failed to maintain certification with the ABGC.

The following issues remain unresolved in this draft:

- a. Whether to make genetic counseling available through HIRSP.
- b. Whether to create any sort of grandfathering provisions for persons who cannot ever meet the requirements for licensure under proposed subchapter VIII of ch. 448.

Please let me know whether you are comfortable with these changes and if you would like to make any additional changes to this draft.

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