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AMENDMENT MEMO



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Assembly Bill 255 provides for regulation and licensing for the practice of genetic counseling. Specifically, the bill creates the Genetic Counselors Affiliated Credentialing Board, which is attached to the Medical Examining Board and has authority to grant licenses to practice genetic counseling.

The bill contains a number of other regulations for licensure and renewal of licensure as a genetic counselor, including academic, examination, independent certification, arrest and conviction record, continuing education, and fee requirements.

The bill also provides certain authority for the Genetic Counselors Affiliated Credentialing Board, including licensing authority for certain individuals based on certain professional experience, disciplinary authority of licensees, and a requirement to promulgate certain administrative rules, including rules to adopt the National Society of Genetic Counselors code of ethics to govern the professional conduct of genetic counselors, establish licensure renewal requirements, and establish criteria for the approval of continuing education programs and courses.

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The amendment provides that it is a prohibited practice for a genetic counselor to encourage an expectant parent to obtain an elective abortion.

BILL HISTORY

Assembly Amendment 2 was introduced by Representative Steffen on January 19, 2022. On January 26, 2022, the Assembly Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform recommended adoption of the amendment by a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 3, and passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 8; Noes, 1.

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