
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1325 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY DILLON, FONTANA, HAYWOOD, CAPPELLETTI, BOSCOLA AND
MILLER, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),
2 entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine
3 and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts;
4 reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and
5 Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for
6 its composition, powers and duties; providing for the
7 issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and
8 revocation of licenses and certificates; provided penalties;
9 and making repeals," further providing for definitions and
10 for genetic counselor.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of December 20, 1985
14 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, is
15 amended by adding a definition to read:

16 Section 2. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
18 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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21 "Genetic test." Any of the following:

1 (1) The analysis of deoxyribonucleic acid to identify
2 changes in gene sequence or expression levels.

3 (2) The analysis of RNA to determine gene expression.

4 (3) Biochemical tests for the presence of gene products.

5 (4) Microscopic analysis of chromosomes.

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7 Section 2. Section 13.4(c)(1)(iii) and (viii) and (3) of the
8 act are amended to read:

9 Section 13.4. Genetic counselor.

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11 (c) Scope of practice.--

12 (1) A genetic counselor may provide genetic counseling
13 to clients, which includes:

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15 (iii) ~~[Identify]~~ Identify, order and coordinate
16 genetic ~~[laboratory]~~ tests ~~[and other diagnostic studies]~~
17 as appropriate for the genetic assessment.

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19 (viii) Provide written documentation of medical,
20 genetic and counseling information for ~~[families and]~~
21 families, referring providers and other appropriate
22 health care professionals and maintain the documentation
23 in the client's medical records.

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25 (3) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
26 authorize a genetic counselor to diagnose, ~~[test]~~ manage or
27 treat any genetic disease or condition or other disease or
28 condition.

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30 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.