



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 370**

LCO No. 1871

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING SERVICES PROVIDED BY GENETIC COUNSELORS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Direct supervision" means a supervising genetic counselor is  
4 present in the office and immediately available to furnish assistance  
5 and direction when services are being provided by an assistant genetic  
6 counselor;

7 (2) "Assistant genetic counselor" means a person who maintains (A)  
8 current certification with the American Board of Genetic Counseling,  
9 and (B) professional liability insurance or other indemnity against  
10 liability for professional malpractice in an amount not less than five  
11 hundred thousand dollars for one person, per occurrence, with an  
12 aggregate of not less than one million five hundred thousand dollars;

13 (3) "Supervising genetic counselor" means a physician who is  
14 licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the general statutes, certified as a

15 genetic counselor by the American Board of Genetic Counseling and  
16 who assumes responsibility for the supervision of services rendered by  
17 an assistant genetic counselor; and

18 (4) "Supervision" means the exercise of oversight, control and  
19 direction of the services of an assistant genetic counselor by a  
20 supervising genetic counselor. Supervision includes, but is not limited  
21 to: (A) Continuous availability of direct communication between the  
22 supervising genetic counselor and the assistant genetic counselor; (B)  
23 active and continuing overview of the assistant genetic counselor's  
24 activities to ensure that the supervising genetic counselor's directions  
25 are being implemented and to support the assistant genetic counselor  
26 in the performance of his or her services; (C) review of the charts and  
27 records of the assistant genetic counselor on a regular basis, as  
28 necessary, to ensure quality patient care; and (D) delineation of a  
29 predetermined plan for emergency situations.

30 (b) Nothing in chapter 370 of the general statutes shall be construed  
31 to prohibit an assistant genetic counselor from providing genetic  
32 counseling services under the direct supervision and direction of a  
33 supervising genetic counselor. An assistant genetic counselor may  
34 provide genetic counseling services delegated by a supervising genetic  
35 counselor provided: (1) The supervising genetic counselor is satisfied  
36 as to the ability and competency of the assistant genetic counselor; (2)  
37 such delegation is consistent with the health and welfare of the patient  
38 and in keeping with sound medical practice; (3) the supervising  
39 genetic counselor shall assume full control and responsibility for all  
40 services provided by the assistant genetic counselor; and (4) such  
41 services shall be provided under the direct supervision of the  
42 supervising genetic counselor. Delegated services shall be provided in  
43 accordance with written protocols established by the supervising  
44 genetic counselor.

45 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to the  
46 activities and services of a person who is enrolled in a genetic

47 counseling education program recognized by the American Board of  
48 Genetic Counseling provided such activities and services are incidental  
49 to the course of study.

50 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be  
51 fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than  
52 one year, or both, for each offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2012	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow certified genetic counselors to provide genetic counseling services under certain circumstances.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*