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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill enacts the "Genetic Counselor Licensure Act". On and after June 1, 2019, a person cannot practice genetic counseling without being licensed by the director of the division of professions and occupations in the department of regulatory agencies. To be licensed, a person must have graduated with an appropriate genetic counseling degree and have been certified by a national body, except that the director:

! May issue a provisional license to a candidate for

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1 MINIMUM STANDARDS OF EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE, AND EXAMINATION
2 FOR PROFESSIONAL GENETIC COUNSELORS SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN
3 READILY IDENTIFY THOSE WHO MEET THESE MINIMUM STANDARDS; AND

4 (II) ENACTMENT OF THIS ARTICLE 35.3 WILL PROTECT THE HEALTH
5 OF THE PUBLIC BY BROADENING AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE
6 AND RELIABLE GENETIC COUNSELING.

7 **12-35.3-103. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS ARTICLE 35.3, UNLESS
8 THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

9 (1) "ABGC" MEANS THE AMERICAN BOARD OF GENETIC
10 COUNSELING OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT THE DIRECTOR RECOGNIZES AS
11 BEING EQUIVALENT TO, OR A PREDECESSOR OR SUCCESSOR OF, THE ABGC.

12 (2) "ABMGG" MEANS THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL
13 GENETICS AND GENOMICS OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT THE DIRECTOR
14 RECOGNIZES AS BEING EQUIVALENT TO, OR A PREDECESSOR OR SUCCESSOR
15 OF, THE ABMGG.

16 (3) "ACGC" MEANS THE ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR GENETIC
17 COUNSELING OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT THE DIRECTOR RECOGNIZES AS
18 BEING EQUIVALENT TO, OR A PREDECESSOR OR SUCCESSOR OF, THE ACGC.

19 (4) "ACTIVE CANDIDATE STATUS" OR "ACS" MEANS THAT A
20 PERSON IN AN ACS-ELIGIBLE APPLICANT CATEGORY HAS SUPPLIED THE
21 ABGC WITH ALL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO TAKE THE ABGC'S
22 CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION AND HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE ABGC TO
23 TAKE THE EXAMINATION IN A SPECIFIC CYCLE.

24 (5) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF
25 PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY
26 AGENCIES, CREATED IN SECTION 24-34-102, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

27 (6) "GENETIC COUNSELOR" OR "LICENSEE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL

1 WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 35.3.

2 (7) "NSGC" MEANS THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF GENETIC
3 COUNSELORS OR AN ORGANIZATION THAT THE DIRECTOR RECOGNIZES AS
4 BEING EQUIVALENT TO, OR A PREDECESSOR OR SUCCESSOR OF, THE NSGC.

5 (8) "PRACTICE OF GENETIC COUNSELING" INCLUDES THE
6 FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

7 (a) OBTAINING AND INTERPRETING INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, AND
8 MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT HISTORIES;

9 (b) DETERMINING THE MODE OF INHERITANCE AND RISK OF
10 TRANSMISSION OF GENETIC CONDITIONS;

11 (c) DISCUSSING THE INHERITANCE, FEATURES, NATURAL HISTORY,
12 AND MEANS OF DIAGNOSIS OF GENETIC CONDITIONS;

13 (d) IDENTIFYING, COORDINATING, ORDERING, AND EXPLAINING
14 GENETIC LABORATORY TESTS AND OTHER DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES;

15 (e) ASSESSING PSYCHOSOCIAL FACTORS AND RECOGNIZING SOCIAL,
16 EDUCATIONAL, AND CULTURAL ISSUES;

17 (f) EVALUATING THE CLIENT'S OR THE CLIENT'S FAMILY'S
18 RESPONSES TO THE GENETIC CONDITION OR RISK OF RECURRENCE OF A
19 GENETIC CONDITION AND PROVIDING CLIENT-CENTERED COUNSELING AND
20 ANTICIPATORY GUIDANCE;

21 (g) COMMUNICATING GENETIC INFORMATION TO CLIENTS;

22 (h) FACILITATING INFORMED DECISION-MAKING ABOUT TESTING
23 AND MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES;

24 (i) IDENTIFYING AND UTILIZING COMMUNITY RESOURCES THAT
25 PROVIDE MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL, FINANCIAL, AND PSYCHOSOCIAL
26 SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY; AND

27 (j) PROVIDING ACCURATE WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF MEDICAL,

1 GENETIC, AND COUNSELING INFORMATION FOR CLIENTS, THEIR FAMILIES,
2 AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

3 **12-35.3-104. Use of titles restricted.** ONLY A PERSON LICENSED
4 AS A GENETIC COUNSELOR UNDER THIS ARTICLE 35.3 MAY USE THE TITLE
5 "GENETIC COUNSELOR", "LICENSED GENETIC COUNSELOR", "L.G.C.",
6 "GENE COUNSELOR", "GENETIC CONSULTANT", "GENETIC ASSOCIATE", OR
7 ANY COMBINATION OF THESE TERMS OR ABBREVIATIONS OR ANY OTHER
8 GENERALLY ACCEPTED TERM, LETTERS, OR FIGURES THAT INDICATE THAT
9 THE PERSON IS A GENETIC COUNSELOR.

10 **12-35.3-105. License required.** ON AND AFTER JUNE 1, 2019,
11 EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE 35.3, A PERSON SHALL
12 NOT PRACTICE GENETIC COUNSELING OR REPRESENT HIMSELF OR HERSELF
13 AS BEING ABLE TO PRACTICE GENETIC COUNSELING IN THIS STATE WITHOUT
14 POSSESSING A VALID LICENSE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR IN ACCORDANCE
15 WITH THIS ARTICLE 35.3 AND RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE
16 35.3.

17 **12-35.3-106. Licensure of genetic counselors - application -**
18 **qualifications - rules. (1) Educational and experiential requirements.**

19 (a) EVERY APPLICANT FOR A LICENSE AS A GENETIC COUNSELOR MUST:

20 (I) EXCEPT AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) [REDACTED] OF THIS
21 SECTION, PROVIDE SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE TO THE DIRECTOR OF HAVING
22 CERTIFICATION AS A GENETIC COUNSELOR BY THE ABGC OR ABMGG;
23 AND

24 (II) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF
25 THIS SECTION.

26 (b) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH, BY RULE, REQUIREMENTS FOR
27 ISSUING A PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO PRACTICE GENETIC COUNSELING TO A

1 CANDIDATE FOR LICENSURE WHO HAS BEEN GRANTED ACTIVE CANDIDATE
2 STATUS BY THE ABGC IF THE CANDIDATE MEETS THE OTHER
3 QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE. THE RULES MUST ADDRESS AT LEAST THE
4 FOLLOWING:

5 (I) THE TERMS OF, RENEWAL OF, AND FEES FOR PROVISIONAL
6 LICENSES;

7 (II) WHETHER A GENETIC COUNSELOR WORKING PURSUANT TO A
8 PROVISIONAL LICENSE MUST BE UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF A
9 LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AND, IF SO, BY WHOM AND UNDER
10 WHAT CONDITIONS; AND

11 (III) THE AUTOMATIC EXPIRATION OF A PROVISIONAL LICENSURE
12 UPON A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT FAILURE TO PASS THE CERTIFICATION
13 EXAMINATION.

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15 (2) **Application.** (a) IF AN APPLICANT HAS FULFILLED THE
16 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE APPLICANT MAY
17 APPLY FOR LICENSURE UPON PAYMENT OF A LICENSE APPLICATION FEE IN
18 AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR.

19 (b) THE APPLICATION MUST BE IN THE FORM AND MANNER
20 DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR.

21 (3) **Licensure.** IF AN APPLICANT HAS FULFILLED THE
22 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SECTION, THE
23 DIRECTOR SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE OR, AS APPROPRIATE, A PROVISIONAL
24 LICENSE, TO THE APPLICANT; EXCEPT THAT THE DIRECTOR MAY DENY A
25 LICENSE IF THE APPLICANT HAS COMMITTED ANY ACT THAT WOULD BE
26 GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-35.3-108.

27 (4) **License renewal.** (a) A GENETIC COUNSELOR MUST RENEW HIS

1 OR HER LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 35.3 ACCORDING TO
2 A SCHEDULE OF RENEWAL DATES ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR. THE
3 GENETIC COUNSELOR MUST SUBMIT AN APPLICATION IN THE FORM AND
4 MANNER DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR AND MUST PAY A RENEWAL FEE
5 IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR.

6 (b) LICENSES ARE RENEWED OR REINSTATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
7 THE SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR, AND THE DIRECTOR SHALL
8 GRANT A RENEWAL OR REINSTATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-34-102
9 (8). THE DIRECTOR MAY ESTABLISH RENEWAL FEES AND DELINQUENCY
10 FEES FOR REINSTATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-34-105. IF A GENETIC
11 COUNSELOR FAILS TO RENEW HIS OR HER LICENSE PURSUANT TO THE
12 SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR, THE LICENSE EXPIRES. A
13 PERSON WHOSE LICENSE EXPIRES IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES PROVIDED
14 IN THIS ARTICLE 35.3 OR SECTION 24-34-102 (8).

15 (c) APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE RENEWAL MUST SUBMIT PROOF OF
16 HAVING COMPLETED THIRTY HOURS OF NSGC-APPROVED CONTINUING
17 EDUCATION.

18 (5) **Fees.** ALL FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 35.3
19 SHALL BE DETERMINED, COLLECTED, AND APPROPRIATED IN THE SAME
20 MANNER AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 24-34-105 AND PERIODICALLY
21 ADJUSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-75-402.

22 **12-35.3-107. Scope of article - exclusions.** (1) THIS ARTICLE
23 35.3 DOES NOT PREVENT OR RESTRICT THE PRACTICE, SERVICES, OR
24 ACTIVITIES OF:

25 (a) A PERSON LICENSED OR OTHERWISE REGULATED IN THIS STATE
26 BY ANY OTHER LAW FROM ENGAGING IN HIS OR HER PROFESSION OR
27 OCCUPATION AS DEFINED IN THE LAW PURSUANT TO WHICH HE OR SHE IS

1 LICENSED, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING PERSONS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THE
2 "COLORADO MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT" AND ACTING AS NECESSARY, IN HIS
3 OR HER JUDGMENT, TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AS DEFINED
4 IN SECTION 12-36-106 (1);

5 (b) A PERSON PURSUING A COURSE OF STUDY LEADING TO A
6 DEGREE IN GENETIC COUNSELING OR AN EQUIVALENT DEGREE, AS
7 AUTHORIZED BY THE DIRECTOR, FROM AN ACGC-ACCREDITED SCHOOL OR
8 PROGRAM, IF:

9 (I) THE ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES CONSTITUTE A PART OF A
10 SUPERVISED COURSE OF STUDY;

11 (II) THE PERSON IS DESIGNATED BY A TITLE THAT CLEARLY
12 INDICATES THE PERSON'S STATUS AS A STUDENT;

13 (III) THE PERIOD OF SUPERVISED PRACTICE DOES NOT EXCEED TWO
14 YEARS, UNLESS THE DIRECTOR PROVIDES WRITTEN APPROVAL; AND

15 (IV) THE INDIVIDUAL IS SUPERVISED BY A GENETIC COUNSELOR OR
16 A PHYSICIAN;

17 (c) A PERSON WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED STATES OR A
18 STATE GOVERNMENT OR ANY OF ITS BUREAUS, DIVISIONS, OR AGENCIES
19 WHILE IN THE DISCHARGE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S OFFICIAL DUTIES; OR

20 (d) A LEGALLY QUALIFIED GENETIC COUNSELOR FROM ANOTHER
21 STATE OR COUNTRY WHEN PROVIDING SERVICES ON BEHALF OF A
22 TEMPORARILY ABSENT GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSED IN THIS STATE, IF
23 THE UNLICENSED GENETIC COUNSELOR IS ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH
24 RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR. THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE MUST
25 NOT BE OF MORE THAN FOUR WEEKS' DURATION, AND A PERSON SHALL NOT
26 UNDERTAKE UNLICENSED PRACTICE MORE THAN ONCE IN ANY
27 TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD.

1 (2) (a) NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE 35.3 AUTHORIZES A GENETIC
2 COUNSELOR TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE, AS DEFINED IN
3 SECTION 12-36-106, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF HEALING OR COUNSELING
4 EXCEPT AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE 35.3.

5 (b) IF, IN THE COURSE OF PROVIDING A GENETIC COUNSELING
6 SERVICE TO A CLIENT, A GENETIC COUNSELOR FINDS ANY INDICATION OF
7 A DISEASE OR CONDITION THAT REQUIRES MEDICAL ASSESSMENT, THE
8 GENETIC COUNSELOR SHALL REFER THE CLIENT TO A PHYSICIAN LICENSED
9 TO PRACTICE MEDICINE.

10 **12-35.3-108. Grounds for discipline - disciplinary proceedings**

11 **- judicial review.** (1) THE DIRECTOR MAY TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION
12 AGAINST A LICENSEE IF THE DIRECTOR FINDS THAT THE LICENSEE HAS
13 REPRESENTED HIMSELF OR HERSELF AS A LICENSED GENETIC COUNSELOR
14 AFTER THE EXPIRATION, SUSPENSION, OR REVOCATION OF HIS OR HER
15 LICENSE.

16 (2) THE DIRECTOR MAY REVOKE, SUSPEND, DENY, OR REFUSE TO
17 RENEW A LICENSE; PLACE A LICENSEE ON PROBATION; ISSUE A LETTER OF
18 ADMONITION TO A LICENSEE; OR ISSUE A CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER TO A
19 LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION UPON PROOF THAT THE
20 LICENSEE:

21 (a) HAS ENGAGED IN A SEXUAL ACT WITH A PERSON RECEIVING
22 SERVICES WHILE A THERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIP EXISTED OR WITHIN SIX
23 MONTHS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF THE THERAPEUTIC
24 RELATIONSHIP. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)(a):

25 (I) "SEXUAL ACT" MEANS SEXUAL CONTACT, SEXUAL INTRUSION,
26 OR SEXUAL PENETRATION, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-3-401.

27 (II) "THERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIP" MEANS THE PERIOD BEGINNING

1 WITH THE INITIAL EVALUATION AND ENDING UPON THE WRITTEN
2 TERMINATION OF TREATMENT.

3 (b) HAS FALSIFIED INFORMATION IN AN APPLICATION OR HAS
4 ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN OR HAS OBTAINED A LICENSE BY FRAUD,
5 DECEPTION, OR MISREPRESENTATION;

6 (c) IS AN EXCESSIVE OR HABITUAL USER OR ABUSER OF ALCOHOL
7 OR HABIT-FORMING DRUGS OR IS A HABITUAL USER OF A CONTROLLED
8 SUBSTANCE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-18-102, OR OTHER DRUGS HAVING
9 SIMILAR EFFECTS;

10 (d) (I) HAS FAILED TO NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR, AS REQUIRED BY
11 SECTION 12-35.3-111 (1), OF A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CONDITION OR
12 ILLNESS THAT IMPAIRS THE LICENSEE'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE GENETIC
13 COUNSELING SERVICES WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND SAFETY OR THAT
14 MIGHT ENDANGER THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING
15 SERVICES;

16 (II) HAS FAILED TO ACT WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS CREATED BY A
17 PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR CONDITION THAT RENDERS THE PERSON
18 UNABLE TO PRACTICE GENETIC COUNSELING WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND
19 SAFETY OR THAT MIGHT ENDANGER THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF PERSONS
20 UNDER HIS OR HER CARE; OR

21 (III) HAS FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE LIMITATIONS AGREED TO
22 UNDER A CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO
23 SECTION 12-35.3-111 (2);

24 (e) HAS VIOLATED, OR AIDED OR ABETTED OR KNOWINGLY
25 PERMITTED ANY PERSON TO VIOLATE, THIS ARTICLE 35.3, A RULE ADOPTED
26 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 35.3, OR A LAWFUL ORDER OF THE DIRECTOR;

27 (f) HAS HAD A LICENSE OR REGISTRATION SUSPENDED OR REVOKED

1 IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION FOR ACTIONS THAT WOULD VIOLATE THIS
2 ARTICLE 35.3 OR WOULD CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE UNDER
3 THIS SECTION IF COMMITTED IN COLORADO;

4 (g) HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF OR PLED GUILTY OR NOLO
5 CONTENDERE TO A FELONY OR COMMITTED AN ACT SPECIFIED IN SECTION
6 12-35.3-109. A CERTIFIED COPY OF THE JUDGMENT OF A COURT OF
7 COMPETENT JURISDICTION OF THE CONVICTION OR PLEA IS CONCLUSIVE
8 EVIDENCE OF THE CONVICTION OR PLEA. IN CONSIDERING THE
9 DISCIPLINARY ACTION, THE DIRECTOR IS GOVERNED BY SECTION 24-5-101.

10 (h) HAS FRAUDULENTLY OBTAINED, FURNISHED, OR SOLD ANY
11 GENETIC COUNSELING DIPLOMA, CERTIFICATE, LICENSE, OR RENEWAL OF
12 A LICENSE OR OTHER PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIAL;

13 (i) HAS FAILED TO NOTIFY THE DIRECTOR OF THE SUSPENSION OR
14 REVOCATION OF THE PERSON'S PAST OR CURRENTLY HELD LICENSE,
15 CERTIFICATE, OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO PRACTICE GENETIC
16 COUNSELING IN THIS OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION;

17 (j) HAS REFUSED TO SUBMIT TO A PHYSICAL OR MENTAL
18 EXAMINATION IF ORDERED BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO SECTION
19 12-35.3-110;

20 (k) HAS ENGAGED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES AND
21 PRACTICES:

22 (I) ORDERING OR PERFORMING, WITHOUT CLINICAL JUSTIFICATION,
23 DEMONSTRABLY UNNECESSARY LABORATORY TESTS OR STUDIES;

24 (II) ADMINISTERING DEMONSTRABLY UNNECESSARY TREATMENT
25 WITHOUT CLINICAL JUSTIFICATION; OR

26 (III) AN ACT OR OMISSION THAT IS CONTRARY TO GENERALLY
27 ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF THE PRACTICE OF GENETIC COUNSELING;

1 (l) HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE OR PROPER SUPERVISION OF
2 A PROVISIONALLY LICENSED GENETIC COUNSELOR OR ANY UNLICENSED
3 PERSON IN THE PRACTICE OF GENETIC COUNSELING; OR

4 (m) HAS OTHERWISE VIOLATED THIS ARTICLE 35.3 OR A LAWFUL
5 ORDER OR RULE OF THE DIRECTOR.

6 (3) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS
7 SECTION, THE DIRECTOR NEED NOT FIND THAT THE ACTIONS THAT ARE
8 GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE WERE WILLFUL BUT MAY CONSIDER WHETHER
9 SUCH ACTIONS WERE WILLFUL WHEN DETERMINING THE NATURE OF
10 DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS TO BE IMPOSED.

11 (4) (a) THE DIRECTOR MAY COMMENCE A PROCEEDING TO
12 DISCIPLINE A LICENSEE IF THE DIRECTOR HAS REASONABLE GROUNDS TO
13 BELIEVE THAT THE LICENSEE HAS COMMITTED AN ACT ENUMERATED IN
14 THIS SECTION.

15 (b) IN ANY PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE
16 DIRECTOR MAY ACCEPT AS EVIDENCE OF GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY
17 ACTION AGAINST A LICENSEE ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST
18 THE LICENSEE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION IF THE VIOLATION THAT
19 PROMPTED THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN THE OTHER JURISDICTION WOULD
20 BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 35.3.

21 (5) DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN
22 ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24, AND THE HEARING AND
23 OPPORTUNITY FOR REVIEW SHALL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THAT
24 ARTICLE BY THE DIRECTOR OR BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE, AT THE
25 DIRECTOR'S DISCRETION. THE DIRECTOR HAS THE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE
26 ALL POWERS AND DUTIES CONFERRED BY THIS ARTICLE 35.3 DURING THE
27 DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

1 (6) (a) NO LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE
2 DIRECTOR'S ACTION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOTIFY A GENETIC COUNSELOR
3 DISCIPLINED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, BY A FIRST-CLASS LETTER TO
4 THE MOST RECENT ADDRESS PROVIDED TO THE DIRECTOR BY THE GENETIC
5 COUNSELOR, OF THE ACTION TAKEN, THE SPECIFIC CHARGES GIVING RISE
6 TO THE ACTION, AND THE GENETIC COUNSELOR'S RIGHT TO REQUEST A
7 HEARING ON THE ACTION TAKEN.

8 (b) WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DIRECTOR SENDS THE
9 NOTIFICATION, THE GENETIC COUNSELOR MAY FILE A WRITTEN REQUEST
10 WITH THE DIRECTOR FOR A HEARING ON THE ACTION TAKEN. UPON RECEIPT
11 OF THE REQUEST, THE DIRECTOR SHALL GRANT A HEARING TO THE GENETIC
12 COUNSELOR. IF THE GENETIC COUNSELOR FAILS TO FILE A WRITTEN
13 REQUEST FOR A HEARING WITHIN THIRTY DAYS, THE ACTION OF THE
14 DIRECTOR BECOMES FINAL ON THAT DATE.

15 (c) FAILURE OF THE GENETIC COUNSELOR TO APPEAR AT THE
16 HEARING WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE IS A WITHDRAWAL OF HIS OR HER
17 REQUEST FOR A HEARING, AND THE DIRECTOR'S ACTION BECOMES FINAL ON
18 THAT DATE. FAILURE, WITHOUT GOOD CAUSE, OF THE DIRECTOR TO
19 APPEAR AT THE HEARING IS CAUSE TO DISMISS THE PROCEEDING.

20 (7) THE DIRECTOR MAY REQUEST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO
21 SEEK AN INJUNCTION, IN ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, TO
22 ENJOIN A PERSON FROM COMMITTING AN ACT PROHIBITED BY THIS ARTICLE
23 35.3. WHEN SEEKING AN INJUNCTION PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (7),
24 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS NOT REQUIRED TO ALLEGE OR PROVE THE
25 INADEQUACY OF ANY REMEDY AT LAW OR THAT SUBSTANTIAL OR
26 IRREPARABLE DAMAGE IS LIKELY TO RESULT FROM A CONTINUED
27 VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 35.3.

1 (8) (a) IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF TITLE 24 AND THIS
2 ARTICLE 35.3, THE DIRECTOR MAY INVESTIGATE, HOLD HEARINGS, AND
3 GATHER EVIDENCE IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE EXERCISE AND
4 PERFORMANCE OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR.

5 (b) (I) TO AID THE DIRECTOR IN ANY HEARING OR INVESTIGATION
6 INSTITUTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE DIRECTOR OR AN
7 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (8)(c)
8 OF THIS SECTION MAY ADMINISTER OATHS, TAKE AFFIRMATIONS OF
9 WITNESSES, AND ISSUE SUBPOENAS COMPELLING THE ATTENDANCE OF
10 WITNESSES AND THE PRODUCTION OF ALL RELEVANT RECORDS, PAPERS,
11 BOOKS, DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE, AND MATERIALS IN ANY HEARING,
12 INVESTIGATION, OR OTHER MATTER BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OR AN
13 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE.

14 (II) UPON FAILURE OF ANY WITNESS OR LICENSEE TO COMPLY WITH
15 A SUBPOENA OR PROCESS, THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH
16 THE SUBPOENAED PERSON OR LICENSEE RESIDES OR CONDUCTS BUSINESS,
17 UPON APPLICATION BY THE DIRECTOR WITH NOTICE TO THE SUBPOENAED
18 PERSON OR LICENSEE, MAY ISSUE TO THE PERSON OR LICENSEE AN ORDER
19 REQUIRING THAT PERSON OR LICENSEE TO APPEAR BEFORE THE DIRECTOR;
20 PRODUCE THE RELEVANT PAPERS, BOOKS, RECORDS, DOCUMENTARY
21 EVIDENCE, OR MATERIALS IF SO ORDERED; OR GIVE EVIDENCE TOUCHING
22 THE MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION OR IN QUESTION. IF THE PERSON OR
23 LICENSEE FAILS TO OBEY THE ORDER OF THE COURT, THE COURT MAY HOLD
24 THE PERSON OR LICENSEE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

25 (c) THE DIRECTOR MAY APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
26 PURSUANT TO PART 10 OF ARTICLE 30 OF TITLE 24, TO CONDUCT
27 HEARINGS, TAKE EVIDENCE, MAKE FINDINGS, AND REPORT THE FINDINGS

1 TO THE DIRECTOR.

2 (9) (a) THE DIRECTOR, A MEMBER OF THE DIRECTOR'S STAFF, A
3 PERSON ACTING AS A WITNESS OR CONSULTANT TO THE DIRECTOR, A
4 WITNESS TESTIFYING IN A PROCEEDING AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS
5 ARTICLE 35.3, AND A PERSON WHO LODGES A COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO
6 THIS ARTICLE 35.3 ARE IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY IN ANY CIVIL ACTION
7 BROUGHT AGAINST HIM OR HER FOR ACTS OCCURRING WHILE ACTING IN HIS
8 OR HER CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR, STAFF, CONSULTANT, WITNESS, OR
9 COMPLAINANT, RESPECTIVELY, IF THE INDIVIDUAL WAS ACTING IN GOOD
10 FAITH WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS OR HER RESPECTIVE CAPACITY, MADE A
11 REASONABLE EFFORT TO OBTAIN THE FACTS OF THE MATTER AS TO WHICH
12 HE OR SHE ACTED, AND ACTED IN THE REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THE
13 ACTION TAKEN BY HIM OR HER WAS WARRANTED BY THE FACTS.

14 (b) A PERSON PARTICIPATING IN GOOD FAITH IN MAKING A
15 COMPLAINT OR REPORT OR IN AN INVESTIGATIVE OR ADMINISTRATIVE
16 PROCEEDING PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS IMMUNE FROM ANY CIVIL OR
17 CRIMINAL LIABILITY THAT OTHERWISE MIGHT RESULT BY REASON OF THE
18 PARTICIPATION.

19 (10) A FINAL ACTION OF THE DIRECTOR IS SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL
20 REVIEW BY THE COURT OF APPEALS PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-4-106 (11).

21 (11) IF A COMPLAINT OR AN INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES AN
22 INSTANCE OF MISCONDUCT THAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE DIRECTOR,
23 WARRANTS FORMAL ACTION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOT RESOLVE THE
24 COMPLAINT BY A DEFERRED SETTLEMENT, ACTION, JUDGMENT, OR
25 PROSECUTION.

26 (12) (a) IF IT APPEARS TO THE DIRECTOR, BASED UPON CREDIBLE
27 EVIDENCE AS PRESENTED IN A WRITTEN COMPLAINT BY ANY PERSON, THAT

1 A LICENSEE IS ACTING IN A MANNER THAT IS AN IMMINENT THREAT TO THE
2 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC OR THAT A PERSON IS ACTING OR HAS
3 ACTED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED LICENSE, THE DIRECTOR MAY ISSUE AN
4 ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST THE ACTIVITY. THE DIRECTOR SHALL SET
5 FORTH IN THE ORDER THE STATUTES AND RULES ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN
6 VIOLATED, THE FACTS ALLEGED TO HAVE CONSTITUTED THE VIOLATION,
7 AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL UNLAWFUL ACTS OR UNLICENSED
8 PRACTICES IMMEDIATELY CEASE.

9 (b) WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER SERVICE OF THE ORDER TO CEASE AND
10 DESIST PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (12)(a) OF THIS SECTION, THE
11 RESPONDENT MAY REQUEST A HEARING ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER
12 ACTS OR PRACTICES IN VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 35.3 HAVE OCCURRED.
13 THE HEARING SHALL BE CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 24-4-104
14 AND 24-4-105.

15 (13) (a) IF IT APPEARS TO THE DIRECTOR, BASED UPON CREDIBLE
16 EVIDENCE AS PRESENTED IN A WRITTEN COMPLAINT BY ANY PERSON, THAT
17 A PERSON HAS VIOLATED ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE 35.3, THEN, IN
18 ADDITION TO EXERCISING ANY OTHER POWER GRANTED BY THIS ARTICLE
19 35.3, THE DIRECTOR MAY ISSUE TO THE PERSON AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
20 AS TO WHY THE DIRECTOR SHOULD NOT ISSUE A FINAL ORDER DIRECTING
21 THE PERSON TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM THE UNLAWFUL ACT OR
22 UNLICENSED PRACTICE.

23 (b) THE DIRECTOR SHALL PROMPTLY NOTIFY A PERSON AGAINST
24 WHOM AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HAS BEEN ISSUED PURSUANT TO
25 SUBSECTION (13)(a) OF THIS SECTION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE ORDER
26 ALONG WITH A COPY OF THE ORDER, THE FACTUAL AND LEGAL BASIS FOR
27 THE ORDER, AND THE DATE SET BY THE DIRECTOR FOR A HEARING ON THE

1 ORDER. THE DIRECTOR MAY SERVE THE NOTICE BY PERSONAL SERVICE, BY
2 FIRST-CLASS, POSTAGE PREPAID UNITED STATES MAIL, OR IN ANOTHER
3 MANNER AS MAY BE PRACTICABLE. PERSONAL SERVICE OR MAILING OF AN
4 ORDER OR DOCUMENT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (13)(b)
5 CONSTITUTES NOTICE OF THE ORDER TO THE PERSON.

6 (c) (I) THE HEARING ON AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE SHALL BE HELD
7 NO SOONER THAN TEN AND NO LATER THAN FORTY-FIVE CALENDAR DAYS
8 AFTER THE DATE OF TRANSMISSION OR SERVICE OF THE NOTIFICATION BY
9 THE DIRECTOR AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (13)(b) OF THIS SECTION. THE
10 HEARING MAY BE CONTINUED BY AGREEMENT OF ALL PARTIES BASED UPON
11 THE COMPLEXITY OF THE MATTER, NUMBER OF PARTIES TO THE MATTER,
12 AND LEGAL ISSUES PRESENTED IN THE MATTER, BUT IN NO EVENT SHALL
13 THE HEARING BE HELD LATER THAN SIXTY CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE
14 DATE OF TRANSMISSION OR SERVICE OF THE NOTIFICATION.

15 (II) IF A PERSON AGAINST WHOM AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE HAS
16 BEEN ISSUED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (13)(a) OF THIS SECTION DOES
17 NOT APPEAR AT THE HEARING, THE DIRECTOR MAY PRESENT EVIDENCE
18 THAT NOTIFICATION WAS PROPERLY SENT OR SERVED ON THE PERSON
19 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (13)(b) OF THIS SECTION AND SUCH OTHER
20 EVIDENCE RELATED TO THE MATTER AS THE DIRECTOR DEEMS
21 APPROPRIATE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ISSUE THE ORDER WITHIN TEN DAYS
22 AFTER THE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION RELATED TO REASONABLE
23 ATTEMPTS TO NOTIFY THE RESPONDENT, AND THE ORDER BECOMES FINAL
24 AS TO THAT PERSON BY OPERATION OF LAW. THE HEARING SHALL BE
25 CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 24-4-104 AND 24-4-105.

26 (III) IF THE DIRECTOR REASONABLY FINDS THAT THE PERSON
27 AGAINST WHOM THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WAS ISSUED IS ACTING OR

1 HAS ACTED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED LICENSE, OR HAS ENGAGED OR IS
2 ABOUT TO ENGAGE IN ACTS OR PRACTICES CONSTITUTING VIOLATIONS OF
3 THIS ARTICLE 35.3, THE DIRECTOR MAY ISSUE A FINAL CEASE-AND-DESIST
4 ORDER DIRECTING THE PERSON TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM FURTHER
5 UNLAWFUL ACTS OR UNLICENSED PRACTICES.

6 (IV) THE DIRECTOR SHALL PROVIDE NOTICE, IN THE MANNER SET
7 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (13)(b) OF THIS SECTION, OF THE FINAL
8 CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER WITHIN TEN CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE
9 HEARING CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (13)(c) TO EACH
10 PERSON AGAINST WHOM THE FINAL ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED. THE FINAL
11 ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (13)(c)(III) OF THIS SECTION IS
12 EFFECTIVE WHEN ISSUED AND IS A FINAL ORDER FOR PURPOSES OF JUDICIAL
13 REVIEW.

14 (14) THE DIRECTOR MAY ENTER INTO A STIPULATION WITH A
15 PERSON IF IT APPEARS TO THE DIRECTOR, BASED UPON CREDIBLE EVIDENCE
16 PRESENTED TO THE DIRECTOR, THAT THE PERSON HAS ENGAGED OR IS
17 ABOUT TO ENGAGE IN AN UNLICENSED ACT OR PRACTICE OR AN ACT OR
18 PRACTICE CONSTITUTING A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE 35.3, A RULE
19 PROMULGATED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 35.3, OR AN ORDER ISSUED
20 PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 35.3.

21 (15) IF A PERSON FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A FINAL
22 CEASE-AND-DESIST ORDER OR A STIPULATION, THE DIRECTOR MAY
23 REQUEST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE
24 JUDICIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH THE ALLEGED VIOLATION EXISTS TO BRING,
25 AND IF SO REQUESTED THE ATTORNEY SHALL BRING, SUIT FOR A
26 TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF TO
27 PREVENT ANY FURTHER OR CONTINUED VIOLATION OF THE FINAL ORDER.

1 (16) A PERSON AGGRIEVED BY THE FINAL CEASE-AND-DESIST
2 ORDER MAY SEEK JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION
3 OR OF THE DIRECTOR'S FINAL ORDER AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (10) OF
4 THIS SECTION.

5 (17) (a) THE DIRECTOR MAY SEND A LETTER OF ADMONITION TO A
6 LICENSEE IF A COMPLAINT OR INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES AN INSTANCE OF
7 MISCONDUCT THAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE DIRECTOR, DOES NOT
8 WARRANT FORMAL ACTION BUT SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED AS BEING
9 WITHOUT MERIT.

10 (b) IF THE DIRECTOR SENDS A LETTER OF ADMONITION TO A
11 LICENSEE, THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE LICENSEE OF THE LICENSEE'S
12 RIGHT TO REQUEST IN WRITING, WITHIN TWENTY DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF
13 THE LETTER, THAT FORMAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS BE INITIATED TO
14 ADJUDICATE THE PROPRIETY OF THE CONDUCT DESCRIBED IN THE LETTER
15 OF ADMONITION.

16 (c) IF THE LICENSEE TIMELY REQUESTS ADJUDICATION, THE
17 DIRECTOR SHALL VACATE THE LETTER OF ADMONITION AND PROCESS THE
18 MATTER BY MEANS OF FORMAL DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS.

19 (18) THE DIRECTOR MAY SEND A CONFIDENTIAL LETTER OF
20 CONCERN TO A LICENSEE IF A COMPLAINT OR INVESTIGATION DISCLOSES
21 AN INSTANCE OF CONDUCT THAT, IN THE OPINION OF THE DIRECTOR, DOES
22 NOT WARRANT FORMAL ACTION BY THE DIRECTOR AND SHOULD BE
23 DISMISSED, BUT THE DIRECTOR HAS NOTICED CONDUCT BY THE LICENSEE
24 THAT COULD LEAD TO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES IF NOT CORRECTED.

25 (19) A PERSON WHOSE LICENSE IS REVOKED OR WHO SURRENDERS
26 HIS OR HER LICENSE TO AVOID DISCIPLINE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS
27 INELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 35.3 FOR

1 AT LEAST TWO YEARS AFTER THE DATE THE LICENSE IS REVOKED OR
2 SURRENDERED.

3 **12-35.3-109. Unauthorized practice - penalties.** A PERSON WHO
4 PRACTICES OR OFFERS OR ATTEMPTS TO PRACTICE GENETIC COUNSELING
5 WITHOUT AN ACTIVE LICENSE AS REQUIRED BY AND ISSUED PURSUANT TO
6 THIS ARTICLE 35.3 FOR GENETIC COUNSELORS COMMITS A CLASS 2
7 MISDEMEANOR AND SHALL BE PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION
8 18-1.3-501, FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE. FOR THE SECOND OR ANY
9 SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, THE PERSON COMMITS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR
10 AND SHALL BE PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 18-1.3-501. THIS
11 SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHO IS EXEMPTED BY THIS
12 ARTICLE 35.3 OR ANOTHER ARTICLE OF THIS TITLE 12 FROM BEING
13 LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE 35.3.

14 **12-35.3-110. Mental and physical examination of licensees.**

15 (1) IF THE DIRECTOR HAS REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A
16 LICENSEE IS UNABLE TO PRACTICE WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND SAFETY,
17 THE DIRECTOR MAY ORDER THE LICENSEE TO TAKE A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL
18 EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY A PHYSICIAN OR OTHER LICENSED
19 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATED BY THE DIRECTOR. EXCEPT
20 WHERE DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE LICENSEE'S CONTROL, IF THE
21 LICENSEE FAILS OR REFUSES TO UNDERGO A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL
22 EXAMINATION, THE DIRECTOR MAY SUSPEND THE LICENSEE'S LICENSE
23 UNTIL THE DIRECTOR HAS MADE A DETERMINATION OF THE LICENSEE'S
24 FITNESS TO PRACTICE. THE DIRECTOR SHALL PROCEED WITH AN ORDER FOR
25 EXAMINATION AND SHALL MAKE HIS OR HER DETERMINATION IN A TIMELY
26 MANNER.

27 (2) IN AN ORDER REQUIRING A LICENSEE TO UNDERGO A MENTAL

1 OR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION, THE DIRECTOR SHALL STATE THE BASIS OF
2 THE DIRECTOR'S REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE LICENSEE IS
3 UNABLE TO PRACTICE WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND SAFETY. FOR
4 PURPOSES OF A DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO
5 THIS ARTICLE 35.3, THE LICENSEE IS DEEMED TO HAVE WAIVED ALL
6 OBJECTIONS TO THE ADMISSIBILITY OF THE EXAMINING PHYSICIAN'S OR
7 LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL'S TESTIMONY OR EXAMINATION
8 REPORTS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY ARE PRIVILEGED
9 COMMUNICATIONS.

10 (3) THE LICENSEE MAY SUBMIT TO THE DIRECTOR TESTIMONY OR
11 EXAMINATION REPORTS FROM A PHYSICIAN CHOSEN BY THE LICENSEE AND
12 PERTAINING TO ANY CONDITION THAT THE DIRECTOR HAS ALLEGED MAY
13 PRECLUDE THE LICENSEE FROM PRACTICING WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND
14 SAFETY. THE DIRECTOR MAY CONSIDER THE TESTIMONY AND REPORTS
15 SUBMITTED BY THE LICENSEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH, BUT NOT IN LIEU OF,
16 TESTIMONY AND EXAMINATION REPORTS OF THE PHYSICIAN DESIGNATED
17 BY THE DIRECTOR.

18 (4) THE RESULTS OF A MENTAL OR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION
19 ORDERED BY THE DIRECTOR SHALL NOT BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN ANY
20 PROCEEDING OTHER THAN ONE BEFORE THE DIRECTOR, ARE NOT A PUBLIC
21 RECORD, AND SHALL NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

22 **12-35.3-111. Confidential agreement to limit practice -**
23 **violation - grounds for discipline.** (1) IF A GENETIC COUNSELOR HAS A
24 PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR CONDITION THAT RENDERS THE PERSON
25 UNABLE TO PRACTICE GENETIC COUNSELING WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND
26 SAFETY TO CLIENTS, THE GENETIC COUNSELOR SHALL NOTIFY THE
27 DIRECTOR OF THE ILLNESS OR CONDITION IN A MANNER AND WITHIN A

1 PERIOD DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR. THE DIRECTOR MAY REQUIRE THE
2 GENETIC COUNSELOR TO SUBMIT TO AN EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO
3 SECTION 12-35.3-110 TO EVALUATE THE EXTENT OF THE ILLNESS OR
4 CONDITION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE GENETIC COUNSELOR'S ABILITY TO
5 PRACTICE GENETIC COUNSELING WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND SAFETY TO
6 CLIENTS.

7 (2) (a) UPON DETERMINING THAT A GENETIC COUNSELOR WITH A
8 PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS OR CONDITION IS ABLE TO RENDER LIMITED
9 SERVICES WITH REASONABLE SKILL AND SAFETY TO CLIENTS, THE
10 DIRECTOR MAY ENTER INTO A CONFIDENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
11 GENETIC COUNSELOR IN WHICH THE GENETIC COUNSELOR AGREES TO LIMIT
12 HIS OR HER PRACTICE BASED ON THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE
13 ILLNESS OR CONDITION, AS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR.

14 (b) AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT, THE GENETIC COUNSELOR IS
15 SUBJECT TO PERIODIC REEVALUATION OR MONITORING AS DETERMINED
16 APPROPRIATE BY THE DIRECTOR.

17 (c) THE PARTIES MAY MODIFY OR DISSOLVE THE AGREEMENT AS
18 NECESSARY BASED ON THE RESULTS OF A REEVALUATION OR OF
19 MONITORING.

20 (3) BY ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR
21 PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO LIMIT HIS OR HER PRACTICE, A GENETIC
22 COUNSELOR IS NOT ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES THAT ARE GROUNDS FOR
23 DISCIPLINE PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-35.3-108. THE AGREEMENT DOES
24 NOT CONSTITUTE A RESTRICTION OR DISCIPLINE BY THE DIRECTOR.
25 HOWEVER, IF THE GENETIC COUNSELOR FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE TERMS
26 OF THE AGREEMENT, THE FAILURE CONSTITUTES A PROHIBITED ACTIVITY
27 PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-35.3-108 (2)(d), AND THE GENETIC COUNSELOR

1 IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 12-35.3-108.

2 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A GENETIC COUNSELOR
3 SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE FOR PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES AS DESCRIBED IN
4 SECTION 12-35.3-108 (2)(c).

5 **12-35.3-112. Professional liability insurance required - rules.**

6 (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT PRACTICE GENETIC COUNSELING UNLESS THE
7 PERSON PURCHASES AND MAINTAINS, OR IS COVERED BY, PROFESSIONAL
8 LIABILITY INSURANCE IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR BY
9 RULE THAT COVERS ALL ACTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF THE
10 GENETIC COUNSELOR.

11 [REDACTED]
12 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A GENETIC COUNSELOR WHO
13 IS A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE ACTING WITHIN THE COURSE AND SCOPE OF THE
14 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE'S DUTIES AND WHO IS GRANTED IMMUNITY PURSUANT
15 TO THE "COLORADO GOVERNMENTAL IMMUNITY ACT", ARTICLE 10 OF
16 TITLE 24.

17 **12-35.3-113. Rule-making authority.** THE DIRECTOR SHALL
18 PROMULGATE RULES AS NECESSARY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS
19 ARTICLE 35.3.

20 **12-35.3-114. Repeal of article - review of functions.** THIS
21 ARTICLE 35.3 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025. BEFORE THE
22 REPEAL, THE DIRECTOR'S POWERS, DUTIES, AND FUNCTIONS PURSUANT TO
23 THIS ARTICLE 35.3 ARE SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH
24 SECTION 24-34-104.

25 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-43-215, **amend**
26 (10) as follows:

27 **12-43-215. Scope of article - exemptions.** (10) ~~The provisions~~

1 of This ~~article do~~ ARTICLE 43 DOES not apply to:

2 (a) A professional coach, including a life coach, executive coach,
3 personal coach, or business coach, who has had coach-specific training
4 and who serves clients exclusively as a coach, as long as the professional
5 coach does not engage in the practice of psychology, social work,
6 marriage and family therapy, licensed professional counseling,
7 psychotherapy, or addiction counseling, as those practices are defined in
8 this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 43; OR

9 (b) A GENETIC COUNSELOR WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO
10 ARTICLE 35.3 OF THIS TITLE 12.

11 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add**
12 **(26)(a)(VIII)** as follows:

13 **24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies**
14 **and functions for termination, continuation, or reestablishment.**

15 **(26) (a)** The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled for
16 repeal on September 1, **2025**:

17 **(VIII)** THE REGULATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS BY THE
18 DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS PURSUANT
19 TO ARTICLE 35.3 OF TITLE 12.

20 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-110, **amend**
21 **(3)(a)(XXVIII)** and **(3)(a)(XXIX)**; and **add (3)(a)(XXX)** as follows:

22 **24-34-110. Medical transparency act of 2010 - disclosure of**
23 **information about health care licensees - fines - rules - short title -**
24 **legislative declaration.** **(3) (a)** As used in this section, "applicant" means
25 a person applying for a new, active license, certification, or registration
26 or to renew, reinstate, or reactivate an active license, certification, or
27 registration to practice:

1 (XXVIII) As a surgical assistant or surgical technologist pursuant
2 to article 43.2 of title 12; ~~C.R.S.~~; and

3 (XXIX) Naturopathic medicine pursuant to article 37.3 of title 12;
4 ~~C.R.S.~~; AND

5 (XXX) AS A GENETIC COUNSELOR PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 35.3 OF
6 TITLE 12.

7 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date -**
8 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
9 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
10 general assembly (August 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9,
11 2018); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1
12 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
13 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
14 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
15 to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the
16 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

17 (2) This act applies to conduct occurring on or after the applicable
18 effective date of this act.