genetic counselors; licensure

State of Arizona Senate Fifty-sixth Legislature Second Regular Session 2024

SENATE BILL 1043

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-3201 AND 36-414, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 6, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 7.3; AMENDING SECTION 36-3601, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:
Section 1. Section 32-3201, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
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32-3201. <u>Definitions</u>

In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

- $\frac{2}{1}$. "Health professional" means a person who is certified or licensed pursuant to chapter 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 15.1, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19.1, 21, 25, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 39, 41 or 42 of this title, title 36, chapter 4, article 6, title 36, chapter 6, article 7 OR 7.3 or title 36, chapter 17.
- 1. 2. "Health profession regulatory board" means any board that regulates one or more health professionals in this state.
- 3. "Medical record RECORDS" has the same meaning prescribed in section 12-2291 but does not include prescription orders.
- Sec. 2. Section 36-414, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36-414. Health services licensing fund; exemption

- A. The health services licensing fund is established consisting of monies deposited pursuant to sections 30-654, 32-1308, 32-2805, 36-405, 36-765.05, 36-766.06, 36-767.08, 36-851.01, 36-882, 36-897.01, and 36-1903 AND 36-2063. The department of health services shall administer the fund.
 - B. Monies in the fund are subject to legislative appropriation.
- C. Monies in the fund are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190 relating to lapsing of appropriations.
- Sec. 3. Title 36, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding article 7.3, to read:

ARTICLE 7.3. GENETIC COUNSELORS

36-767. Definitions

IN THIS ARTICLE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

- 1. "ACTIVE CANDIDATE STATUS" MEANS A PERSON THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELING, OR ITS SUCCESSOR, TO TAKE THE BOARD'S CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION IN GENERAL GENETICS AND GENETIC COUNSELING AND HAS BEEN GRANTED THIS DESIGNATION.
- 2. "CERTIFICATION" MEANS CERTIFICATION AS A GENETIC COUNSELOR BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELING, OR ITS SUCCESSOR, OR THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL GENETICS AND GENOMICS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR, OR CERTIFICATION AS A PHD GENETICIST BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL GENETICS AND GENOMICS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR.
 - 3. "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.
 - 4. "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT.
- 5. "GENETIC COUNSELING" MEANS A COMMUNICATION PROCESS THAT MAY INCLUDE:
- (a) ESTIMATING THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE OCCURRENCE OR RECURRENCE OF ANY POTENTIAL INHERITED OR GENETICALLY INFLUENCED CONDITION OR CONGENITAL ABNORMALITY, INCLUDING:

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- (i) OBTAINING AND ANALYZING THE COMPLETE HEALTH HISTORY OF AN INDIVIDUAL AND THE INDIVIDUAL'S FAMILY MEMBERS.
 - (ii) REVIEWING PERTINENT MEDICAL RECORDS.
- (iii) EVALUATING THE RISKS FROM EXPOSURE TO POSSIBLE MUTAGENS OR TERATOGENS.
- (iv) DETERMINING APPROPRIATE GENETIC TESTING OR OTHER EVALUATIONS TO DIAGNOSE A CONDITION OR DETERMINE THE CARRIER STATUS OF ONE OR MORE FAMILY MEMBERS.
- (ν) ORDERING, COORDINATING AND DISCLOSING GENETIC LABORATORY TESTS AND RESULTS AND OTHER DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES AS APPROPRIATE FOR THE GENETIC ASSESSMENT.
- (b) HELPING AN INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY MEMBER OR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER TO:
- (i) APPRECIATE THE MEDICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF A DISORDER, INCLUDING ITS FEATURES, VARIABILITY, USUAL COURSE AND MANAGEMENT OPTIONS.
- (ii) LEARN HOW GENETIC FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO A DISORDER AND AFFECT THE CHANCE FOR OCCURRENCE OF THE DISORDER IN OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.
- (iii) UNDERSTAND AVAILABLE OPTIONS FOR COPING WITH, PREVENTING OR REDUCING THE CHANCE OF THE DISORDER IN OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS.
 - (c) FACILITATING AN INDIVIDUAL'S OR FAMILY MEMBER'S:
- (i) EXPLORATION OF THE PERCEPTION OF RISK AND BURDEN ASSOCIATED WITH A GENETIC DISORDER.
- (ii) ADJUSTMENT AND ADAPTATION TO A DISORDER OR THE INDIVIDUAL'S OR FAMILY MEMBER'S GENETIC RISK BY ADDRESSING NEEDS FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL AND MEDICAL SUPPORT.
- 6. "GENETIC COUNSELING INTERN" MEANS A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED IN A GENETIC COUNSELING PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELING, OR ITS SUCCESSOR, OR THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL GENETICS AND GENOMICS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR.
- 7. "GENETIC COUNSELOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE TO ENGAGE IN THE PRACTICE OF GENETIC COUNSELING.
 - 36-767.01. <u>Licensure required; exceptions</u>
- A. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS ARTICLE, A PERSON MAY NOT ACT AS A GENETIC COUNSELOR WITHOUT BEING LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.
 - B. THE ARTICLE DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 1. A PERSON WHO IS LICENSED IN THIS STATE AS A PHYSICIAN OR LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN A HEALTH CARE PROFESSION OTHER THAN THAT OF A GENETIC COUNSELOR WHEN ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PERSON'S PROFESSION AND DOING WORK OF A NATURE CONSISTENT WITH THE PERSON'S TRAINING. A PERSON DESCRIBED IN THIS PARAGRAPH MAY NOT CLAIM TO BE A GENETIC COUNSELOR.
- 2. A PERSON WHO IS EMPLOYED AS A GENETIC COUNSELOR BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR A FEDERAL AGENCY IF THE PERSON PROVIDES GENETIC COUNSELING

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 SERVICES SOLELY UNDER THE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE ENTITY BY WHICH THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED.

- 3. A GENETIC COUNSELING INTERN IF THE GENETIC COUNSELING SERVICES PERFORMED BY THE GENETIC COUNSELING INTERN ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GENETIC COUNSELING INTERN'S COURSE OF STUDY AND ARE PERFORMED UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A GENETIC COUNSELOR WHO IS ASSIGNED TO SUPERVISE THE GENETIC COUNSELING INTERN AND WHO IS ON DUTY AND AVAILABLE IN THE ASSIGNED PATIENT CARE AREA.
- 4. A VISITING GENETIC COUNSELOR WHO HOLDS A CERTIFICATION, WHO IS FROM ANOTHER STATE AND WHO IS PERFORMING ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES FOR A PERIOD OF LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS EACH YEAR. A VISITING GENETIC COUNSELOR MUST BE LICENSED OR REGISTERED IN THE STATE OF THE PERSON'S RESIDENCE IF LICENSURE OR REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE.

36-767.02. Licensure: reciprocity: exceptions: renewal

- A. BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025, A PERSON WHO WISHES TO PRACTICE GENETIC COUNSELING IN THIS STATE SHALL BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. A PERSON WHO WAS PRACTICING GENETIC COUNSELING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR LICENSURE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026.
- B. AN APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT AN APPLICATION AS PRESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE PRESCRIBED FEE AND SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF HAVING CURRENT CERTIFICATION.
- C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GRANT A GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSE TO A PERSON WHO MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS PRESCRIBED BY THIS ARTICLE AND THE RULES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.
- D. AN APPLICANT WHO PROVIDES ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE APPLICANT'S LICENSURE OR REGISTRATION AS A GENETIC COUNSELOR UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER STATE, TERRITORY OR JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES IMPOSES SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AS THIS STATE MAY BE LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.
- E. AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS ARTICLE BUT WHO HAS BEEN PRACTICING GENETIC COUNSELING IN THIS STATE BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE AND WHO HAS WORKED IN THIS STATE AS A GENETIC COUNSELOR FOR AT LEAST EIGHT YEARS BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ARTICLE MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR LICENSURE IF THE INDIVIDUAL SUBMITS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TO THE DEPARTMENT:
- 1. DOCUMENTATION OF A MASTER'S OR HIGHER DEGREE IN MEDICAL GENETICS, GENETIC COUNSELING OR A RELATED FIELD OF GENETIC STUDY FROM AN ACCREDITATION COUNCIL FOR A GENETIC COUNSELING ACCREDITED PROGRAM.
- 2. THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A PHYSICIAN OR GENETIC COUNSELOR, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE LETTER FROM A GENETIC COUNSELOR WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS SECTION AND ONE LETTER FROM A CLINICAL OR MEDICAL GENETICIST WHO IS CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD OF MEDICAL GENETICS AND GENOMICS, OR ITS SUCCESSOR. ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO SUBMIT

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 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MUST HAVE WORKED WITH THE APPLICANT IN AN EMPLOYMENT SETTING WITHIN THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING TEN YEARS AND BE ABLE TO ATTEST TO THE APPLICANT'S COMPETENCY IN PROVIDING GENETIC COUNSELING SERVICES.

- 3. DOCUMENTATION OF HAVING COMPLETED TWO AND ONE-HALF CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS IN THE TWELVE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE APPLICATION DATE.
- F. EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF A PROVISIONAL LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-767.03, ALL LICENSES SHALL BE ISSUED FOR A TWO-YEAR PERIOD ON PAYMENT OF THE PRESCRIBED FEES.
- G. A LICENSE SHALL BE RENEWED ON FILING A RENEWAL APPLICATION THAT INCLUDES THE PRESCRIBED RENEWAL FEE AND DOCUMENTATION OF HAVING COMPLETED THE NUMBER OF CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS REQUIRED FOR CERTIFICATION, PRORATED FOR THE LENGTH OF THE LICENSE. A PERSON SHALL FILE AN APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS AND NOT MORE THAN SIXTY DAYS BEFORE THE DATE THE PERSON'S CURRENT LICENSE EXPIRES.

36-767.03. <u>Provisional license; expiration; extension;</u> supervision requirements; definitions

- A. THE DEPARTMENT MAY GRANT A PERSON WITH ACTIVE CANDIDATE STATUS A PROVISIONAL LICENSE FOR THAT PERSON TO PRACTICE GENETIC COUNSELING IF THE PERSON FILES AN APPLICATION AND PAYS THE PROVISIONAL LICENSE FEE. THE PROVISIONAL LICENSE IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE OF ISSUANCE AND MAY BE EXTENDED FOR ONE ADDITIONAL YEAR IF THE APPLICANT FAILS TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION.
- B. A PROVISIONAL LICENSE EXPIRES AUTOMATICALLY ON THE EARLIEST OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - 1. ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE PURSUANT TO SECTION 36-767.02.
- 2. THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE APPLICANT FAILS TO TAKE OR PASS THE NEXT AVAILABLE COMPLETE CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION.
 - 3. THE DATE PRINTED ON THE PROVISIONAL LICENSE.
- C. AN APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF A PROVISIONAL LICENSE SHALL BE SIGNED BY THE PROVISIONAL LICENSEE'S QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR.
- D. A PROVISIONAL LICENSEE SHALL WORK UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR AT ALL TIMES DURING WHICH THE PROVISIONAL LICENSEE PRACTICES GENETIC COUNSELING. THE QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR AND THE PROVISIONAL LICENSEE SHALL COMPLETE AND MAINTAIN A SUPERVISION AGREEMENT THAT IS SIGNED BY THE QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR AND THE PROVISIONAL LICENSEE AND IS ON FILE WITH BOTH PARTIES.
 - E. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
- 1. "QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR" MEANS A PERSON WHO IS A LICENSED GENETIC COUNSELOR OR A LICENSED PHYSICIAN IN THIS STATE.
 - 2. "SUPERVISION":
- (a) MEANS THAT A QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR WHO HAS THE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY ASSESSES THE WORK OF THE PROVISIONAL LICENSEE, INCLUDING REGULAR MEETINGS AND CHART REVIEW.

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 (b) DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR IS REQUIRED TO BE PRESENT DURING THE PROVISIONAL LICENSEE'S PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICE.

36-767.04. Rules; advisory committee

- A. THE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT RULES NECESSARY TO PROPERLY ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE THIS ARTICLE.
 - B. THE DIRECTOR, BY RULE, SHALL:
- 1. DEFINE AND DESCRIBE THE DUTIES AND LIMITS OF THE PRACTICE OF GENETIC COUNSELING CONSISTENT WITH THIS ARTICLE.
- 2. ADOPT STANDARDS WITH RESPECT TO THE PRACTICE OF GENETIC COUNSELING DESIGNED TO SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PATIENTS.
- 3. ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR GRANTING, DENYING, SUSPENDING AND REVOKING A LICENSE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF PATIENTS.
- C. THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH A FIVE-MEMBER GENETIC COUNSELORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF FOUR GENETIC COUNSELORS AND ONE PHYSICIAN TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT IN DEVELOPING, REVISING AND ADOPTING RULES OR SUGGESTED STATUTORY CHANGES THAT ARE NECESSARY TO REGULATE GENETIC COUNSELORS IN THIS STATE. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT WITH ANY INVESTIGATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING COMPETENCY, UNLAWFUL PRACTICE OR UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT COMPLAINTS THAT INVOLVE A LICENSED GENETIC COUNSELOR. COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES PURSUANT TO TITLE 38, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2.
 - 36-767.05. Grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of a license; disciplinary action; hearings; civil penalties; enforcement
- A. THE DIRECTOR MAY DENY, SUSPEND OR REVOKE THE LICENSE OF ANY GENETIC COUNSELOR WHO:
- 1. VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR THE RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.
- 2. IS CONVICTED OF A FELONY OR A MISDEMEANOR INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE.
- 3. INDULGES IN CONDUCT OR A PRACTICE THAT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF A PATIENT.
- B. THE DEPARTMENT MAY DENY A LICENSE WITHOUT HOLDING A HEARING. AN APPLICANT MAY APPEAL THIS DECISION PURSUANT TO TITLE 41, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 10.
- C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONDUCT ANY HEARING TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO TITLE 41, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 10. IF THE DIRECTOR DETERMINES AT THE CONCLUSION OF A HEARING THAT GROUNDS EXIST TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE, THE DIRECTOR MAY DO SO PERMANENTLY OR FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME AND UNDER ANY CONDITIONS THAT THE DIRECTOR DEEMS APPROPRIATE. AN APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE OR A LICENSEE MAY APPEAL THE FINAL DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR.
- D. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION, THE DIRECTOR MAY ASSESS A CIVIL PENALTY OF NOT MORE THAN \$100 FOR EACH VIOLATION OF THIS

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 ARTICLE OR A RULE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE AS DETERMINED BY A HEARING HELD PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. EACH DAY THAT A VIOLATION CONTINUES CONSTITUTES A SEPARATE OFFENSE. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY MAY BRING AN ACTION IN THE NAME OF THIS STATE TO ENFORCE A CIVIL PENALTY. THE ACTION SHALL BE FILED IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OR IN JUSTICE COURT IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE VIOLATION OCCURRED.

- E. IN ADDITION TO OTHER AVAILABLE REMEDIES, THE DIRECTOR MAY APPLY TO THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR AN INJUNCTION TO RESTRAIN A PERSON FROM VIOLATING THIS ARTICLE OR A RULE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE. THE COURT SHALL GRANT A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION OR A PERMANENT INJUNCTION WITHOUT BOND. THE DEFENDANT MAY BE SERVED IN ANY COUNTY OF THIS STATE. THE ACTION SHALL BE BROUGHT ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE VIOLATION OCCURS.
- F. A GENETIC COUNSELOR WHOSE LICENSE IS SUSPENDED OR REVOKED OR WHOSE SURRENDER OF A LICENSE WITH OR WITHOUT PREJUDICE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMPTLY DELIVER THE LICENSE TO THE DEPARTMENT.
- G. A PROVISIONAL LICENSEE WHO LOSES ACTIVE CANDIDATE STATUS SHALL SURRENDER THE PROVISIONAL LICENSE TO THE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

36-767.06. <u>Investigations</u>; <u>subpoenas</u>; <u>confidentiality</u>

- A. THE DIRECTOR MAY INVESTIGATE INFORMATION THAT INDICATES THAT A PERSON IS OR MAY BE VIOLATING THIS ARTICLE. IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVESTIGATION, THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXAMINE AND COPY DOCUMENTS AND OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE WHEREVER LOCATED THAT RELATE TO THE CONDUCT OR COMPETENCY OF A GENETIC COUNSELOR PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ARTICLE AND THE RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE.
- B. PURSUANT TO AN INVESTIGATION OR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING, THE DIRECTOR MAY ISSUE SUBPOENAS TO COMPEL THE TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES OR TO DEMAND THE PRODUCTION OF RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. IF A PERSON REFUSES TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA, THE DIRECTOR MAY APPLY TO THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR AN ORDER TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE.
- C. PATIENT RECORDS, INCLUDING CLINICAL RECORDS, MEDICAL REPORTS, LABORATORY STATEMENTS AND REPORTS, FILES, FILMS, ORAL STATEMENTS RELATING TO PATIENT AND FAMILY HISTORIES, EVALUATIONS, FINDINGS AND COUNSELING INFORMATION THAT ARE KEPT BY THE DIRECTOR PURSUANT TO AN INVESTIGATION OR AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING ARE NOT PUBLIC RECORDS AND ARE NOT SUBJECT TO TITLE 39, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 2. THE DIRECTOR SHALL KEEP CONFIDENTIAL THE NAMES OF PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WHOSE RECORDS ARE REVIEWED DURING THE COURSE OF AN INVESTIGATION OR HEARING.

36-767.07. <u>Violations</u>; classification

A PERSON IS GUILTY OF A CLASS 6 FELONY WHO:

1. OBTAINS A LICENSE AS A GENETIC COUNSELOR BY FRAUD, INTENTIONAL MISREPRESENTATION OR DECEIT.

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2. PRACTICES GENETIC COUNSELING WITHOUT A LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE OR AFTER THE PERSON'S LICENSE HAS BEEN DENIED, SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.

36-767.08. Fees; rules; deposit

- A. THE DIRECTOR SHALL PRESCRIBE IN RULE AND COLLECT FEES FOR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
 - 1. AN INITIAL GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSE APPLICATION.
- 2. A ONE-YEAR PROVISIONAL GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSE AND, IF GRANTED, A ONE-YEAR PROVISIONAL LICENSE EXTENSION.
 - 3. A TWO-YEAR GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSE.
 - 4. A TWO-YEAR RENEWAL OF THE GENETIC COUNSELOR LICENSE.
 - 5. AN APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF AN EXPIRED LICENSE.
- B. NINETY PERCENT OF THE FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35-146 AND 35-147, IN THE HEALTH SERVICES LICENSING FUND ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 36-414 AND TEN PERCENT OF THE FEES COLLECTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEPOSITED, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 35-146 AND 35-147, IN THE STATE GENERAL FUND.

36-767.09. Use of title: prohibitions

IT IS A VIOLATION OF THIS ARTICLE FOR A PERSON WHO IS NOT LICENSED PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE TO USE THE TITLE "LICENSED GENETIC COUNSELOR" OR THE ABBREVIATION "L.G.C." OR TO USE ANY OTHER WORDS, LETTERS, SIGNS OR FIGURES TO INDICATE THAT THE PERSON IS A LICENSED GENETIC COUNSELOR.

Sec. 4. Section 36-3601, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

36-3601. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter:

- 1. "Health care decision maker" has the same meaning prescribed in section 12-2801.
 - 2. "Health care provider":
- (a) Means a person licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 15.1, 16, 17, 18, 19, 19.1, 25, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 39, 41 or 42, or chapter 4, article 6 of this title, chapter 6, article 7 OR 7.3 of this title or chapter 17 of this title.
 - (b) Includes:
- (i) A health care institution licensed pursuant to chapter 4 of this title.
- (ii) A person who holds a training permit pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or 17.
- 3. "Health care provider regulatory board or agency" means a board or agency that regulates one or more health care provider professions in this state.
 - 4. "Telehealth" means:
- (a) The interactive use of audio, video or other electronic media, including asynchronous store-and-forward technologies and remote patient

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monitoring technologies, for the practice of health care, assessment, diagnosis, consultation or treatment and the transfer of medical data.

- (b) Includes the use of an audio-only telephone encounter between the patient or client and health care provider if an audio-visual telehealth encounter is not reasonably available due to the patient's functional status, the patient's lack of technology or telecommunications infrastructure limits, as determined by the health care provider.
- (c) Does not include the use of a fax machine, instant messages, voice mail or email.

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