

**COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTERS
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 189**

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PURPOSE: To amend S.B. 189 to (1) clarify that other practitioners qualified to provide genetic counseling are able to receive assistance from an individual on the same premises where assistance is being provided, (2) ensure that other practitioners qualified to provide genetic counseling are not in any way restricted from continuing to provide those services, (3) modify continuing education requirements for licensed genetic counselors to conform with other states, (4) remove unnecessary language regarding an activity already precluded under the National Society of Genetic Counselor's code of ethics, which is also codified in the bill and requires non-biased counseling free of coercion, and (5) modify the composition of the advisory board.

EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in an amendment; and (3) ~~red bold strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill.

Sec. 9. 2. Any other person who is not licensed to practice genetic counseling may assist a genetic counselor, physician, physician assistant or nurse in the practice of genetic counseling under the direct supervision of a genetic counselor, physician, physician assistant or nurse who is on the same premises where the assistance is being provided.

Sec. 9. 4. A physician or physician assistant who engages in genetic counseling as part of his or her practice of medicine or practice as a physician assistant, as applicable, is not required to obtain a license as a genetic counselor.

5. Nothing in this chapter may be construed to prohibit or restrict the practice of a profession by individuals who are licensed, certified, or registered under the laws of this state and are performing services within their authorized scope of practice.

Sec. 10. 1. Each license issued pursuant to section 7 of this act expires on June 30 or, if June 30 is a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, on the next business day after June 30, of every odd-numbered year and may be renewed if, before the license expires, the holder of the license submits to the Board: (a) A completed application for renewal on a form prescribed by the Board; (b) Proof that the applicant has successfully completed at least ~~30~~ 20 hours of continuing education approved by the National Society of Genetic Counselors, or its successor organization, since the license was issued or most recently renewed, as applicable;

Sec. 12. 1. The following acts constitute grounds for 2 initiating disciplinary action against a genetic counselor or 3 denying licensure as a genetic counselor:

~~*(k) Encouraging a patient who is an expectant parent to obtain an abortion.*~~

Sec. 18. NRS 630.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.075 1. The Board may, by majority vote, select physicians ~~/, anesthesiologist assistants/~~ and members of the public, who must meet the same qualifications as required for members of the Board, to serve as advisory members of the Board.

~~2. The Board may, by majority vote, select genetic counselors and anesthesiologist assistants, who must be licensed to practice in this State, be actively engaged in practice in this State and have resided and practiced in this State for at least 5 years immediately preceding the selection, to serve as advisory members of the Board.~~

2. The Board shall appoint a five-member Licensed Genetic Counselor Advisory Council. One member must be a licensed physician with experience in genetics, three members must be accredited genetic counselors, and one member must be a public member.