



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB2731

Introduced 1/12/2024, by Sen. Suzy Glowiak Hilton

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Genetic Counselor Licensing Act. Provides that application for licenses shall be made to the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation in writing or electronically (rather than in writing) as prescribed by the Department. Provides that all applicants and licensees shall (1) provide a valid address and email address to the Department, which shall serve as the address of record and email address of record, respectively, at the time of application for licensure or renewal of a license; and (2) inform the Department of any change of address of record or email address of record within 14 days after the change either through the Department's website or by contacting the Department's licensure maintenance unit. Provides that no association, limited liability company, professional limited liability company, or partnership (rather than no association or partnership) shall practice genetic counseling unless every member, partner, and employee of the association, limited liability company, professional limited liability company, or partnership who practices genetic counseling or who renders genetic counseling services holds a valid license issued under the Act. Provides that every application for an original license under the Act shall include the applicant's Social Security Number or individual taxpayer identification number. Removes a provision that authorizes the Department to maintain rosters of the names and addresses of all licensees and all persons whose licenses have been suspended, revoked, or denied. Defines "email address of record". Changes references from the "American Board of Medical Genetics" to the "American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics". Makes conforming changes. Makes grammatical changes. Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to provide for the repeal of the Genetic Counselor Licensing Act on January 1, 2030.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Regulatory Sunset Act is amended by  
5 changing Sections 4.35 and 4.40 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 80/4.35)

7 Sec. 4.35. Acts repealed on January 1, 2025. The following  
8 Acts are repealed on January 1, 2025:

9 ~~The Genetic Counselor Licensing Act.~~

10 The Illinois Certified Shorthand Reporters Act of 1984.

11 (Source: P.A. 103-563, eff. 11-17-23.)

12 (5 ILCS 80/4.40)

13 Sec. 4.40. Acts repealed on January 1, 2030. The following  
14 Acts are repealed on January 1, 2030:

15 The Auction License Act.

16 The Genetic Counselor Licensing Act.

17 The Illinois Architecture Practice Act of 1989.

18 The Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989.

19 The Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Practice Act.

20 The Perfusionist Practice Act.

21 The Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989.

22 The Real Estate License Act of 2000.

1           The Structural Engineering Practice Act of 1989.  
2           (Source: P.A. 101-269, eff. 8-9-19; 101-310, eff. 8-9-19;  
3           101-311, eff. 8-9-19; 101-312, eff. 8-9-19; 101-313, eff.  
4           8-9-19; 101-345, eff. 8-9-19; 101-346, eff. 8-9-19; 101-357,  
5           eff. 8-9-19; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

6           Section 10. The Genetic Counselor Licensing Act is amended  
7           by changing Sections 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60,  
8           65, 73, 80, 85, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 135, 140, 155, and 180  
9           and by adding Section 12 as follows:

10           (225 ILCS 135/10)

11           (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

12           Sec. 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

13           "ABGC" means the American Board of Genetic Counseling.

14           "ABMGG" ~~"ABMG"~~ means the American Board of Medical  
15           Genetics and Genomics.

16           "Active candidate status" is awarded to applicants who  
17           have received approval from the ABGC or ABMGG ~~ABMG~~ to sit for  
18           their respective certification examinations.

19           "Address of record" means the designated address recorded  
20           by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's application  
21           file or license file as maintained by the Department's  
22           licensure maintenance unit. ~~It is the duty of the applicant or~~  
23           ~~licensee to inform the Department of any change of address,~~  
24           ~~and those changes must be made either through the Department's~~

1 ~~website or by contacting the Department.~~

2 "Department" means the Department of Financial and  
3 Professional Regulation.

4 "Email address of record" means the designated email  
5 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's  
6 application file or the licensee's license file, as maintained  
7 by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

8 "Genetic anomaly" means a variation in an individual's DNA  
9 that has been shown to confer a genetically influenced disease  
10 or predisposition to a genetically influenced disease or makes  
11 a person a carrier of such variation. A "carrier" of a genetic  
12 anomaly means a person who may or may not have a predisposition  
13 or risk of incurring a genetically influenced condition and  
14 who is at risk of having offspring with a genetically  
15 influenced condition.

16 "Genetic counseling" means the provision of services,  
17 which may include the ordering of genetic tests, to  
18 individuals, couples, groups, families, and organizations by  
19 one or more appropriately trained individuals to address the  
20 physical and psychological issues associated with the  
21 occurrence or risk of occurrence or recurrence of a genetic  
22 disorder, birth defect, disease, or potentially inherited or  
23 genetically influenced condition in an individual or a family.

24 "Genetic counseling" consists of the following:

25 (A) Estimating the likelihood of occurrence or  
26 recurrence of a birth defect or of any potentially

1 inherited or genetically influenced condition. This  
2 assessment may involve:

3 (i) obtaining and analyzing a complete health  
4 history of the person and the person's ~~his or her~~  
5 family;

6 (ii) reviewing pertinent medical records;

7 (iii) evaluating the risks from exposure to  
8 possible mutagens or teratogens;

9 (iv) recommending genetic testing or other  
10 evaluations to diagnose a condition or determine the  
11 carrier status of one or more family members;

12 (B) Helping the individual, family, health care  
13 provider, or health care professional (i) appreciate the  
14 medical, psychological and social implications of a  
15 disorder, including its features, variability, usual  
16 course and management options, (ii) learn how genetic  
17 factors contribute to the disorder and affect the chance  
18 for recurrence of the condition in other family members,  
19 and (iii) understand available options for coping with,  
20 preventing, or reducing the chance of occurrence or  
21 recurrence of a condition.

22 (C) Facilitating an individual's or family's (i)  
23 exploration of the perception of risk and burden  
24 associated with the disorder and (ii) adjustment and  
25 adaptation to the condition or their genetic risk by  
26 addressing needs for psychological, social, and medical

1 support.

2 "Genetic counselor" means a person licensed under this Act  
3 to engage in the practice of genetic counseling.

4 "Genetic testing" and "genetic test" mean a test or  
5 analysis of human genes, gene products, DNA, RNA, chromosomes,  
6 proteins, or metabolites that detects genotypes, mutations,  
7 chromosomal changes, abnormalities, or deficiencies, including  
8 carrier status, that (i) are linked to physical or mental  
9 disorders or impairments, (ii) indicate a susceptibility to  
10 illness, disease, impairment, or other disorders, whether  
11 physical or mental, or (iii) demonstrate genetic or  
12 chromosomal damage due to environmental factors. "Genetic  
13 testing" and "genetic tests" do not include routine physical  
14 measurements; chemical, blood and urine analyses that are  
15 widely accepted and in use in clinical practice; tests for use  
16 of drugs; tests for the presence of the human immunodeficiency  
17 virus; analyses of proteins or metabolites that do not detect  
18 genotypes, mutations, chromosomal changes, abnormalities, or  
19 deficiencies; or analyses of proteins or metabolites that are  
20 directly related to a manifested disease, disorder, or  
21 pathological condition that could reasonably be detected by a  
22 health care professional with appropriate training and  
23 expertise in the field of medicine involved.

24 "Person" means an individual, association, partnership, or  
25 corporation.

26 "Qualified supervisor" means any person who is a licensed

1 genetic counselor, as defined by rule, or a physician licensed  
2 to practice medicine in all its branches. A qualified  
3 supervisor may be provided at the applicant's place of work,  
4 or may be contracted by the applicant to provide supervision.  
5 The qualified supervisor shall file written documentation with  
6 the Department of employment, discharge, or supervisory  
7 control of a genetic counselor at the time of employment,  
8 discharge, or assumption of supervision of a genetic  
9 counselor.

10 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and  
11 Professional Regulation.

12 "Supervision" means review of aspects of genetic  
13 counseling and case management in a bimonthly meeting with the  
14 person under supervision.

15 (Source: P.A. 99-173, eff. 7-29-15; 99-633, eff. 1-1-17;  
16 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.)

17 (225 ILCS 135/12 new)

18 Sec. 12. Address of record; email address of record. All  
19 applicants and licensees shall:

20 (1) provide a valid address and email address to the  
21 Department, which shall serve as the address of record and  
22 email address of record, respectively, at the time of  
23 application for licensure or renewal of a license; and

24 (2) inform the Department of any change of address of  
25 record or email address of record within 14 days after the

1       change either through the Department's website or by  
2       contacting the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

3           (225 ILCS 135/15)

4           (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

5           Sec. 15. Exemptions.

6           (a) This Act does not prohibit any persons legally  
7 regulated in this State by any other Act from engaging in the  
8 practice for which they are authorized as long as they do not  
9 represent themselves by the title of "genetic counselor" or  
10 "licensed genetic counselor". This Act does not prohibit the  
11 practice of nonregulated professions whose practitioners are  
12 engaged in the delivery of human services as long as these  
13 practitioners do not represent themselves as or use the title  
14 of "genetic counselor" or "licensed genetic counselor".

15           (b) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the  
16 activities and services of (i) a student, intern, resident, or  
17 fellow in genetic counseling or genetics seeking to fulfill  
18 educational requirements in order to qualify for a license  
19 under this Act if these activities and services constitute a  
20 part of the student's supervised course of study or (ii) an  
21 individual seeking to fulfill the post-degree experience  
22 requirements in order to qualify for licensing under this Act,  
23 as long as the activities and services are supervised by a  
24 qualified supervisor. A student, intern, resident, or fellow  
25 must be designated by the title "intern", "resident",



1 "fellow", or any other designation of trainee status. Nothing  
2 contained in this subsection shall be construed to permit  
3 students, interns, residents, or fellows to offer their  
4 services as genetic counselors or geneticists to any other  
5 person and to accept remuneration for such genetic counseling  
6 services, except as specifically provided in this subsection  
7 or subsection (c).

8 (c) Corporations, partnerships, and associations may  
9 employ students, interns, or post-degree candidates seeking to  
10 fulfill educational requirements or the professional  
11 experience requirements needed to qualify for a license under  
12 this Act if their activities and services constitute a part of  
13 the student's supervised course of study or post-degree  
14 professional experience requirements. Nothing in this  
15 subsection shall prohibit a corporation, partnership, or  
16 association from contracting with a licensed health care  
17 professional to provide services that they are licensed to  
18 provide.

19 (d) Nothing in this Act shall prevent the employment, by a  
20 genetic counselor, person, association, partnership, or  
21 corporation furnishing genetic counseling services for  
22 remuneration, of persons not licensed as genetic counselors  
23 under this Act to perform services in various capacities as  
24 needed, if these persons are not in any manner held out to the  
25 public or do not hold themselves out to the public by any title  
26 or designation stating or implying that they are genetic

1 counselors.

2 (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the  
3 services of a person, not licensed under the provisions of  
4 this Act, in the employ of a federal, State, county, or  
5 municipal agency or other political subdivision or  
6 not-for-profit corporation providing human services if (i) the  
7 services are a part of the duties in the person's ~~his or her~~  
8 salaried position, (ii) the services are performed solely on  
9 behalf of the person's ~~his or her~~ employer, and (iii) that  
10 person does not in any manner represent oneself ~~himself or~~  
11 ~~herself~~ as or use the title of "genetic counselor" or  
12 "licensed genetic counselor".

13 (f) Duly recognized members of any religious organization  
14 shall not be restricted from functioning in their ministerial  
15 capacity provided they do not represent themselves as being  
16 genetic counselors or as providing genetic counseling.

17 (g) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require or  
18 prohibit any hospital, clinic, home health agency, hospice, or  
19 other entity that provides health care to employ or to  
20 contract with a person licensed under this Act to provide  
21 genetic counseling services.

22 (h) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prevent any  
23 licensed social worker, licensed clinical social worker,  
24 licensed clinical psychologist, licensed professional  
25 counselor, or licensed clinical professional counselor from  
26 practicing professional counseling as long as that person is

1 not in any manner held out to the public as a "genetic  
2 counselor" or "licensed genetic counselor" or does not hold  
3 out that person's ~~his or her~~ services as being genetic  
4 counseling.

5 (i) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the  
6 practice of a person not licensed under this Act who is a  
7 physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches  
8 under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 or intern, fellow, or  
9 resident from using the title "genetic counselor" or any other  
10 title tending to indicate they are a genetic counselor.

11 (j) Nothing in the Act shall prohibit a visiting ABGC or  
12 ABMGG ~~ABMG~~ certified genetic counselor from outside the State  
13 working as a consultant, or organizations from outside the  
14 State employing ABGC or ABMGG ~~ABMG~~ certified genetic  
15 counselors providing occasional services, who are not licensed  
16 under this Act, from engaging in the practice of genetic  
17 counseling subject to the stated circumstances and limitations  
18 defined by rule.

19 (Source: P.A. 93-1041, eff. 9-29-04; 94-661, eff. 1-1-06.)

20 (225 ILCS 135/20)

21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

22 Sec. 20. Restrictions and limitations.

23 (a) Except as provided in Section 15, no person shall,  
24 without a valid license as a genetic counselor issued by the  
25 Department (i) in any manner hold oneself ~~himself or herself~~

1 out to the public as a genetic counselor under this Act; (ii)  
2 use in connection with a person's ~~his or her~~ name or place of  
3 business the title "genetic counselor", "licensed genetic  
4 counselor", "gene counselor", "genetic consultant", or  
5 "genetic associate" or any words, letters, abbreviations, or  
6 insignia indicating or implying a person has met the  
7 qualifications for or has the license issued under this Act;  
8 or (iii) offer to render or render to individuals,  
9 corporations, or the public genetic counseling services if the  
10 words "genetic counselor" or "licensed genetic counselor" are  
11 used to describe the person offering to render or rendering  
12 them, or "genetic counseling" is used to describe the services  
13 rendered or offered to be rendered.

14 (b) (Blank).

15 (c) No association, limited liability company,  
16 professional limited liability company, or partnership shall  
17 practice genetic counseling unless every member, partner, and  
18 employee of the association, limited liability company,  
19 professional limited liability company, or partnership who  
20 practices genetic counseling or who renders genetic counseling  
21 services holds a valid license issued under this Act. No  
22 license shall be issued to a business corporation, the stated  
23 purpose of which includes or which practices or which holds  
24 itself out as available to practice genetic counseling, unless  
25 it is organized under the Professional Service Corporation Act  
26 or the Professional Limited Liability Company Act.

1 (d) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as permitting  
2 persons licensed as genetic counselors to engage in any manner  
3 in the practice of medicine in all its branches as defined by  
4 law in this State.

5 (e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize a  
6 licensed genetic counselor to diagnose or treat any genetic or  
7 other disease or condition.

8 (f) When, in the course of providing genetic counseling  
9 services to any person, a genetic counselor licensed under  
10 this Act finds any indication of a disease or condition that in  
11 the genetic counselor's ~~his or her~~ professional judgment  
12 requires professional service outside the scope of practice as  
13 defined in this Act, the genetic counselor ~~he or she~~ shall  
14 refer that person to a physician licensed to practice medicine  
15 in all of its branches.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-813, eff. 1-1-15; 99-173, eff. 7-29-15;  
17 99-633, eff. 1-1-17.)

18 (225 ILCS 135/25)

19 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

20 Sec. 25. Unlicensed practice; violation; civil penalty.

21 (a) Any person who practices, offers to practice, attempts  
22 to practice, or holds oneself ~~himself or herself~~ out to  
23 practice as a genetic counselor without being licensed or  
24 exempt under this Act shall, in addition to any other penalty  
25 provided by law, pay a civil penalty to the Department in an

1 amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each offense, as determined  
2 by the Department. Civil penalty shall be assessed by the  
3 Department after a hearing is held in accordance with the  
4 provisions set forth in this Act regarding the provision of a  
5 hearing for the discipline of a licensee.

6 (b) The Department may investigate any actual, alleged, or  
7 suspected unlicensed activity.

8 (c) The civil penalty shall be paid within 60 days after  
9 the effective date of the order imposing the civil penalty.  
10 The order shall constitute a final judgment and may be filed  
11 and execution had thereon in the same manner as any judgment  
12 from any court of record.

13 (Source: P.A. 98-813, eff. 1-1-15.)

14 (225 ILCS 135/30)

15 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

16 Sec. 30. Powers and duties of the Department. Subject to  
17 the provisions of this Act, the Department may:

18 (a) authorize examinations to ascertain the  
19 qualifications and fitness of applicants for licensing as  
20 genetic counselors and pass upon the qualifications of  
21 applicants for licensure by endorsement;

22 (b) conduct hearings on proceedings to refuse to issue  
23 or renew or to revoke licenses or suspend, place on  
24 probation, ~~censure~~, or reprimand persons licensed under  
25 this Act, and to refuse to issue or renew or to revoke

1 licenses, or suspend, place on probation, ~~revoke~~, or  
2 reprimand persons licensed under this Act;

3 (c) adopt rules necessary for the administration of  
4 this Act; and

5 (d) (blank). ~~maintain rosters of the names and~~  
6 ~~addresses of all licensees and all persons whose licenses~~  
7 ~~have been suspended, revoked, or denied. These rosters~~  
8 ~~shall be available upon written request and payment of the~~  
9 ~~required fee.~~

10 (Source: P.A. 93-1041, eff. 9-29-04; 94-661, eff. 1-1-06.)

11 (225 ILCS 135/40)

12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

13 Sec. 40. Application for original license. Applications  
14 for original licenses shall be made to the Department on forms  
15 or electronically as prescribed by the Department and  
16 accompanied by the required fee, which is not refundable. All  
17 applications shall contain such information that, in the  
18 judgment of the Department, will enable the Department to pass  
19 on the qualifications of the applicant for a license to  
20 practice as a genetic counselor.

21 If an applicant fails to obtain a license under this Act  
22 within 3 years after filing an ~~his or her~~ application, the  
23 application shall be denied. The applicant may make a new  
24 application, which shall be accompanied by the required  
25 nonrefundable fee. The applicant shall be required to meet the

1 qualifications required for licensure at the time of  
2 reapplication.

3 (Source: P.A. 93-1041, eff. 9-29-04; 94-661, eff. 1-1-06.)

4 (225 ILCS 135/45)

5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

6 Sec. 45. Social Security Number or individual taxpayer  
7 identification number on license application. In addition to  
8 any other information required to be contained in the  
9 application, every application for an original license under  
10 this Act shall include the applicant's Social Security Number  
11 or individual taxpayer identification number, which shall be  
12 retained in the agency's records pertaining to the license. As  
13 soon as practical, the Department shall assign a customer's  
14 identification number to each applicant for a license.

15 Every application for a renewal, reinstated, or restored  
16 license shall require the applicant's customer identification  
17 number.

18 (Source: P.A. 97-400, eff. 1-1-12; 98-813, eff. 1-1-15.)

19 (225 ILCS 135/50)

20 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

21 Sec. 50. Examination.

22 (a) Applicants for genetic counseling licensure must  
23 provide evidence that they have successfully completed the  
24 certification examination provided by the ABGC or ABMGG ~~ABMG~~,



1 if they are master's degree trained genetic counselors, or the  
2 ABMGG ~~ABMG~~, if they are PhD trained medical geneticists; or  
3 successfully completed the examination provided by the  
4 successor agencies of the ABGC or ABMGG ~~ABMG~~. The examinations  
5 shall be of a character to fairly test the competence and  
6 qualifications of the applicants to practice genetic  
7 counseling.

8 (b) (Blank).

9 (Source: P.A. 93-1041, eff. 9-29-04; 94-661, eff. 1-1-06.)

10 (225 ILCS 135/55)

11 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

12 Sec. 55. Qualifications for licensure. A person shall be  
13 qualified for licensure as a genetic counselor and the  
14 Department may issue a license if that person:

15 (1) has applied in writing or electronically in form  
16 and substance satisfactory to the Department; is at least  
17 21 years of age;

18 (2) has not engaged in conduct or activities which  
19 would constitute grounds for discipline under this Act;

20 (3) (i) has successfully completed a Master's degree  
21 in genetic counseling from an ABGC or ABMGG ~~ABMG~~  
22 accredited training program or an equivalent program  
23 approved by the ABGC or the ABMGG ~~ABMG~~ or (ii) is a  
24 physician licensed to practice medicine in all its  
25 branches or (iii) has a doctoral degree and has

1 successfully completed an ABMGG ~~ABMG~~ accredited medical  
2 genetics training program or an equivalent program  
3 approved by the ABMGG ~~ABMG~~;

4 (4) has successfully completed an examination provided  
5 by the ABGC or its successor, the ABMGG ~~ABMG~~ or its  
6 successor, or a substantially equivalent examination  
7 approved by the Department;

8 (5) has paid the fees required by rule;

9 (6) has met the requirements for certification set  
10 forth by the ABGC or its successor or the ABMGG ~~ABMG~~ or its  
11 successor; and

12 (7) has met any other requirements established by  
13 rule.

14 (Source: P.A. 93-1041, eff. 9-29-04; 94-661, eff. 1-1-06.)

15 (225 ILCS 135/60)

16 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

17 Sec. 60. Temporary licensure. A temporary license may be  
18 issued to an individual who has made application to the  
19 Department, has submitted evidence to the Department of  
20 admission to the certifying examination administered by the  
21 ABGC or the ABMGG ~~ABMG~~ or either of its successor agencies, has  
22 met all of the requirements for licensure in accordance with  
23 Section 55 of this Act, except the examination requirement of  
24 item (4) of Section 55 of this Act, and has met any other  
25 condition established by rule. The holder of a temporary

1 license shall practice only under the supervision of a  
2 qualified supervisor and may not have the authority to order  
3 genetic tests. Nothing in this Section prohibits an applicant  
4 from re-applying for a temporary license if the applicant ~~he~~  
5 ~~or she~~ meets the qualifications of this Section.

6 (Source: P.A. 96-1313, eff. 7-27-10.)

7 (225 ILCS 135/65)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

9 Sec. 65. Licenses; renewal; restoration; person in  
10 military service; inactive status.

11 (a) The expiration date and renewal period for each  
12 license issued under this Act shall be set by rule. As a  
13 condition of renewal of a license, a licensee must complete  
14 continuing education requirements established by rule of the  
15 Department.

16 (b) Any person who has permitted a license to expire or who  
17 has a license on inactive status may have it restored by  
18 submitting an application to the Department and filing proof  
19 of fitness, as defined by rule, to have the license restored,  
20 including, if appropriate, evidence which is satisfactory to  
21 the Department certifying the active practice of genetic  
22 counseling in another jurisdiction, and by paying the required  
23 fee.

24 (c) If the person has not maintained an active practice in  
25 another jurisdiction that is satisfactory to the Department,

1 the Department shall determine the person's fitness to resume  
2 active status. The Department may also require the person to  
3 complete a specific period of evaluated genetic counseling  
4 work experience under the supervision of a qualified  
5 supervisor and may require demonstration of completion of  
6 continuing education requirements.

7 (d) Any person whose license expired while on active duty  
8 with the armed forces of the United States, while called into  
9 service or training with the State Militia, or while in  
10 training or education under the supervision of the United  
11 States government prior to induction into military service may  
12 have the ~~his~~ license restored without paying any renewal fees  
13 if, within 2 years after the termination of such service,  
14 training, or education, except under conditions other than  
15 honorable, the Department is furnished with satisfactory  
16 evidence that the person has been so engaged and that such  
17 service, training, or education has been so terminated.

18 (e) A license to practice shall not be denied any  
19 applicant because of the applicant's race, religion, creed,  
20 national origin, political beliefs or activities, age, sex, or  
21 physical impairment.

22 (Source: P.A. 93-1041, eff. 9-29-04; 94-661, eff. 1-1-06.)

23 (225 ILCS 135/73)

24 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

25 Sec. 73. Inactive status. A person licensed under this Act

1 who notifies the Department in writing on forms or  
2 electronically as prescribed by the Department may elect to  
3 place the ~~his or her~~ license on inactive status and shall,  
4 subject to rule of the Department, be excused from payment of  
5 renewal fees until that person ~~he or she~~ notifies the  
6 Department, in writing, of that person's ~~his or her~~ desire to  
7 resume active status.

8 A person requesting restoration from inactive status shall  
9 be required to pay the current renewal fee and shall be  
10 required to restore the ~~his or her~~ license as provided by ~~7~~  
11 ~~pursuant to~~ Section 65 of this Act.

12 Practice by an individual whose license is on inactive  
13 status shall be considered to be the unlicensed practice of  
14 genetic counseling and shall be grounds for discipline under  
15 this Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 94-661, eff. 1-1-06.)

17 (225 ILCS 135/80)

18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

19 Sec. 80. Checks or orders dishonored. Any person who  
20 issues or delivers a check or other order to the Department  
21 that is returned to the Department unpaid by the financial  
22 institution upon which it is drawn shall pay to the  
23 Department, in addition to the amount already owed to the  
24 Department, a fine of \$50. The fines imposed by this Section  
25 are in addition to any other discipline provided under this

1 Act prohibiting unlicensed practice or practice on a  
2 nonrenewed license. The Department shall notify the person  
3 that payment of fees and fines shall be paid to the Department  
4 by certified check or money order within 30 calendar days  
5 after notification. If, after the expiration of 30 days from  
6 the date of the notification, the person has failed to submit  
7 the necessary remittance, the Department shall automatically  
8 terminate the license or certification or deny the  
9 application, without hearing. If, after termination or denial,  
10 the person seeks a license or certificate, the person ~~he or she~~  
11 shall apply to the Department for restoration or issuance of  
12 the license or certificate and pay all fees and fines due to  
13 the Department. The Department may establish a fee for the  
14 processing of an application for restoration of a license to  
15 pay all costs and expenses of processing of this application.  
16 The Secretary may waive the fines due under this Section in  
17 individual cases where the Secretary finds that the fines  
18 would be unnecessarily burdensome.

19 (Source: P.A. 98-813, eff. 1-1-15.)

20 (225 ILCS 135/85)

21 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

22 Sec. 85. Endorsement. The Department may issue a license  
23 as a genetic counselor, without administering the required  
24 examination, to an applicant licensed under the laws of  
25 another state, a U.S. territory, or another country if the

1 requirements for licensure in that state, U.S. territory, or  
2 country are, on the date of licensure, substantially equal to  
3 the requirements of this Act or to a person who, at the time of  
4 ~~his or her~~ application for licensure, possesses individual  
5 qualifications that are substantially equivalent to the  
6 requirements of this Act. An applicant under this Section  
7 shall pay all of the required fees.

8 An applicant shall have 3 years from the date of  
9 application to complete the application process. If the  
10 process has not been completed within the 3-year time period,  
11 the application shall be denied, the fee shall be forfeited,  
12 and the applicant shall be required to reapply and meet the  
13 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

14 (Source: P.A. 93-1041, eff. 9-29-04; 94-661, eff. 1-1-06.)

15 (225 ILCS 135/95)

16 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

17 Sec. 95. Grounds for discipline.

18 (a) The Department may refuse to issue, renew, or may  
19 revoke, suspend, place on probation, reprimand, or take other  
20 disciplinary or non-disciplinary action as the Department  
21 deems appropriate, including the issuance of fines not to  
22 exceed \$10,000 for each violation, with regard to any license  
23 for any one or more of the following:

24 (1) Material misstatement in furnishing information to  
25 the Department or to any other State agency.

1           (2) Violations or negligent or intentional disregard  
2 of this Act, or any of its rules.

3           (3) Conviction by plea of guilty or nolo contendere,  
4 finding of guilt, jury verdict, or entry of judgment or  
5 sentencing, including, but not limited to, convictions,  
6 preceding sentences of supervision, conditional discharge,  
7 or first offender probation, under the laws of any  
8 jurisdiction of the United States: (i) that is a felony or  
9 (ii) that is a misdemeanor, an essential element of which  
10 is dishonesty, or that is directly related to the practice  
11 of genetic counseling.

12           (4) Making any misrepresentation for the purpose of  
13 obtaining a license, or violating any provision of this  
14 Act or its rules.

15           (5) Negligence in the rendering of genetic counseling  
16 services.

17           (6) Failure to provide genetic testing results and any  
18 requested information to a referring physician licensed to  
19 practice medicine in all its branches, advanced practice  
20 registered nurse, or physician assistant.

21           (7) Aiding or assisting another person in violating  
22 any provision of this Act or any rules.

23           (8) Failing to provide information within 60 days in  
24 response to a written request made by the Department.

25           (9) Engaging in dishonorable, unethical, or  
26 unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive,



1 defraud, or harm the public and violating the rules of  
2 professional conduct adopted by the Department.

3 (10) Failing to maintain the confidentiality of any  
4 information received from a client, unless otherwise  
5 authorized or required by law.

6 (10.5) Failure to maintain client records of services  
7 provided and provide copies to clients upon request.

8 (11) Exploiting a client for personal advantage,  
9 profit, or interest.

10 (12) Habitual or excessive use or addiction to  
11 alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, or any other chemical  
12 agent or drug which results in inability to practice with  
13 reasonable skill, judgment, or safety.

14 (13) Discipline by another governmental agency or unit  
15 of government, by any jurisdiction of the United States,  
16 or by a foreign nation, if at least one of the grounds for  
17 the discipline is the same or substantially equivalent to  
18 those set forth in this Section.

19 (14) Directly or indirectly giving to or receiving  
20 from any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or  
21 association any fee, commission, rebate, or other form of  
22 compensation for any professional service not actually  
23 rendered. Nothing in this paragraph (14) affects any bona  
24 fide independent contractor or employment arrangements  
25 among health care professionals, health facilities, health  
26 care providers, or other entities, except as otherwise

1 prohibited by law. Any employment arrangements may include  
2 provisions for compensation, health insurance, pension, or  
3 other employment benefits for the provision of services  
4 within the scope of the licensee's practice under this  
5 Act. Nothing in this paragraph (14) shall be construed to  
6 require an employment arrangement to receive professional  
7 fees for services rendered.

8 (15) A finding by the Department that the licensee,  
9 after having the license placed on probationary status,  
10 has violated the terms of probation.

11 (16) Failing to refer a client to other health care  
12 professionals when the licensee is unable or unwilling to  
13 adequately support or serve the client.

14 (17) Willfully filing false reports relating to a  
15 licensee's practice, including, but not limited to, false  
16 records filed with federal or State agencies or  
17 departments.

18 (18) Willfully failing to report an instance of  
19 suspected child abuse or neglect as required by the Abused  
20 and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

21 (19) Being named as a perpetrator in an indicated  
22 report by the Department of Children and Family Services  
23 pursuant to the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act,  
24 and upon proof by clear and convincing evidence that the  
25 licensee has caused a child to be an abused child or  
26 neglected child as defined in the Abused and Neglected

1 Child Reporting Act.

2 (20) Physical or mental disability, including  
3 deterioration through the aging process or loss of  
4 abilities and skills which results in the inability to  
5 practice the profession with reasonable judgment, skill,  
6 or safety.

7 (21) Solicitation of professional services by using  
8 false or misleading advertising.

9 (22) Failure to file a return, or to pay the tax,  
10 penalty of interest shown in a filed return, or to pay any  
11 final assessment of tax, penalty or interest, as required  
12 by any tax Act administered by the Illinois Department of  
13 Revenue or any successor agency or the Internal Revenue  
14 Service or any successor agency.

15 (23) Fraud or making any misrepresentation in applying  
16 for or procuring a license under this Act or in connection  
17 with applying for renewal of a license under this Act.

18 (24) Practicing or attempting to practice under a name  
19 other than the full name as shown on the license or any  
20 other legally authorized name.

21 (25) Gross overcharging for professional services,  
22 including filing statements for collection of fees or  
23 moneys ~~monies~~ for which services are not rendered.

24 (26) (Blank).

25 (27) Charging for professional services not rendered,  
26 including filing false statements for the collection of

1 fees for which services are not rendered.

2 (28) Allowing one's license under this Act to be used  
3 by an unlicensed person in violation of this Act.

4 (b) (Blank).

5 (b-5) The Department shall not revoke, suspend, summarily  
6 suspend, place on prohibition, reprimand, refuse to issue or  
7 renew, or take any other disciplinary or non-disciplinary  
8 action against the license or permit issued under this Act to  
9 practice as a genetic counselor based solely upon the genetic  
10 counselor authorizing, recommending, aiding, assisting,  
11 referring for, or otherwise participating in any health care  
12 service, so long as the care was not unlawful under the laws of  
13 this State, regardless of whether the patient was a resident  
14 of this State or another state.

15 (b-10) The Department shall not revoke, suspend, summarily  
16 suspend, place on prohibition, reprimand, refuse to issue or  
17 renew, or take any other disciplinary or non-disciplinary  
18 action against the license or permit issued under this Act to  
19 practice as a genetic counselor based upon the genetic  
20 counselor's license being revoked or suspended, or the genetic  
21 counselor being otherwise disciplined by any other state, if  
22 that revocation, suspension, or other form of discipline was  
23 based solely on the genetic counselor violating another  
24 state's laws prohibiting the provision of, authorization of,  
25 recommendation of, aiding or assisting in, referring for, or  
26 participation in any health care service if that health care

1 service as provided would not have been unlawful under the  
2 laws of this State and is consistent with the standards of  
3 conduct for the genetic counselor if it occurred in Illinois.

4 (b-15) The conduct specified in subsections (b-5) and  
5 (b-10) shall not constitute grounds for suspension under  
6 Section 160.

7 (b-20) An applicant seeking licensure, certification, or  
8 authorization pursuant to this Act who has been subject to  
9 disciplinary action by a duly authorized professional  
10 disciplinary agency of another jurisdiction solely on the  
11 basis of having authorized, recommended, aided, assisted,  
12 referred for, or otherwise participated in health care shall  
13 not be denied such licensure, certification, or authorization,  
14 unless the Department determines that such action would have  
15 constituted professional misconduct in this State; however,  
16 nothing in this Section shall be construed as prohibiting the  
17 Department from evaluating the conduct of such applicant and  
18 making a determination regarding the licensure, certification,  
19 or authorization to practice a profession under this Act.

20 (c) The determination by a court that a licensee is  
21 subject to involuntary admission or judicial admission as  
22 provided in the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities  
23 Code will result in an automatic suspension of the ~~his or her~~  
24 license. The suspension will end upon a finding by a court that  
25 the licensee is no longer subject to involuntary admission or  
26 judicial admission, the issuance of an order so finding and

1 discharging the patient, and the determination of the  
2 Secretary that the licensee be allowed to resume professional  
3 practice.

4 (d) The Department may refuse to issue or renew or may  
5 suspend without hearing the license of any person who fails to  
6 file a return, to pay the tax penalty or interest shown in a  
7 filed return, or to pay any final assessment of the tax,  
8 penalty, or interest as required by any Act regarding the  
9 payment of taxes administered by the Illinois Department of  
10 Revenue until the requirements of the Act are satisfied in  
11 accordance with subsection (g) of Section 2105-15 of the Civil  
12 Administrative Code of Illinois.

13 (e) In cases where the Department of Healthcare and Family  
14 Services has previously determined that a licensee or a  
15 potential licensee is more than 30 days delinquent in the  
16 payment of child support and has subsequently certified the  
17 delinquency to the Department, the Department may refuse to  
18 issue or renew or may revoke or suspend that person's license  
19 or may take other disciplinary action against that person  
20 based solely upon the certification of delinquency made by the  
21 Department of Healthcare and Family Services in accordance  
22 with item (5) of subsection (a) of Section 2105-15 of the  
23 Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil  
24 Administrative Code of Illinois.

25 (f) All fines or costs imposed under this Section shall be  
26 paid within 60 days after the effective date of the order

1 imposing the fine or costs or in accordance with the terms set  
2 forth in the order imposing the fine.

3 (g) The Department may adopt rules to implement the  
4 changes made by this amendatory Act of the 102nd General  
5 Assembly.

6 (Source: P.A. 102-1117, eff. 1-13-23.)

7 (225 ILCS 135/100)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

9 Sec. 100. Violations; injunction; cease and desist order.

10 (a) If any person violates the provisions of this Act, the  
11 Secretary may, in the name of the People of the State of  
12 Illinois, through the Attorney General of the State of  
13 Illinois or the State's Attorney of any county in which the  
14 violation is alleged to have occurred, petition for an order  
15 enjoining the violation or for an order enforcing compliance  
16 with this Act. Upon the filing of a verified petition, the  
17 court with appropriate jurisdiction may issue a temporary  
18 restraining order without notice or bond, and may  
19 preliminarily and permanently enjoin the violation. If it is  
20 established that the person has violated or is violating the  
21 injunction, the court may punish the offender for contempt of  
22 court. Proceedings under this Section are in addition to all  
23 other remedies and penalties provided by this Act.

24 (b) If any person holds oneself ~~himself or herself~~ out as  
25 being a licensed genetic counselor under this Act and is not

1 licensed to do so, then any licensed genetic counselor,  
2 interested party, or any person injured thereby may petition  
3 for relief as provided in subsection (a) of this Section.

4 (c) Whenever, in the opinion of the Department, a person  
5 violates any provision of this Act, the Department may issue a  
6 rule to show cause why an order to cease and desist should not  
7 be entered against that person. The rule shall clearly set  
8 forth the grounds relied upon by the Department and shall  
9 allow at least 7 days from the date of the rule to file an  
10 answer satisfactory to the Department. Failure to answer to  
11 the satisfaction of the Department shall cause an order to  
12 cease and desist to be issued.

13 (Source: P.A. 98-813, eff. 1-1-15.)

14 (225 ILCS 135/105)

15 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

16 Sec. 105. Investigations; notice and hearing. The  
17 Department may investigate the actions of any applicant or any  
18 person holding or claiming to hold a license. The Department  
19 shall, before revoking, suspending, placing on probation,  
20 reprimanding, or taking any other disciplinary action under  
21 Section 95 of this Act, at least 30 days prior to the date set  
22 for the hearing, (i) notify the accused, in writing, of any  
23 charges made and the time and place for the hearing on the  
24 charges, (ii) direct the accused ~~him or her~~ to file a written  
25 answer to the charges with the Department under oath within 20



1 days after service of the notice, and (iii) inform the accused  
2 that, if the accused ~~he or she~~ fails to answer, a default  
3 judgment will be entered ~~taken~~ against the accused ~~him or her~~  
4 or that the ~~his or her~~ license or certificate may be suspended,  
5 revoked, placed on probationary status, or other disciplinary  
6 action taken with regard to the license, including limiting  
7 the scope, nature, or extent of the accused's ~~his or her~~  
8 practice, as the Department may deem proper. In case the  
9 person, after receiving notice, fails to file an answer, the  
10 ~~his or her~~ license may, in the discretion of the Department, be  
11 suspended, revoked, placed on probationary status, or the  
12 Department may take whatever disciplinary action considered  
13 proper, including limiting the scope, nature, or extent of the  
14 person's practice or the imposition of a fine, without a  
15 hearing, if the act or acts charged constitute sufficient  
16 grounds for such action under this Act. The written notice may  
17 be served by ~~personal delivery or certified~~ mail to the  
18 applicant's or licensee's address of record or by email to the  
19 applicant's or licensee's email address of record.

20 (Source: P.A. 98-813, eff. 1-1-15.)

21 (225 ILCS 135/110)

22 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

23 Sec. 110. Record of proceedings; transcript. The  
24 Department, at its expense, shall provide a certified  
25 shorthand reporter to take down the testimony and preserve a

1 record of all proceedings at the hearing of any case in which a  
2 license may be revoked, suspended, or placed on probationary  
3 status or a licensee may be reprimanded, fined, or subjected  
4 to other disciplinary action with reference to the license  
5 when a disciplinary action is authorized under this Act and  
6 its rules. The notice of hearing, complaint, and all other  
7 documents in the nature of pleadings and written portions  
8 filed in the proceedings, the transcript of the testimony, the  
9 report of the hearing officer, and the orders of the  
10 Department shall be the records of the proceedings. The record  
11 may be made available to any person interested in the hearing  
12 upon payment of the fee required by Section 2105-115 of the  
13 Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil  
14 Administrative Code of Illinois ~~preserve a record of all~~  
15 ~~proceedings at the formal hearing of any case.~~

16 (Source: P.A. 98-813, eff. 1-1-15.)

17 (225 ILCS 135/115)

18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

19 Sec. 115. Subpoenas; depositions; oaths. The Department  
20 may subpoena and bring before it any person in this State and  
21 take the oral or written testimony or compel the production of  
22 any books, papers, records, or any other documents that the  
23 Secretary or the Secretary's ~~his or her~~ designee deems  
24 relevant or material to any investigation or hearing conducted  
25 by the Department with the same fees and mileage and in the

1 same manner as prescribed in civil cases in the courts of this  
2 State. The Secretary, the shorthand court reporter, and the  
3 designated hearing officer may administer oaths at any hearing  
4 which the Department conducts. Notwithstanding any other  
5 statute or Department rule to the contrary, all requests for  
6 testimony and for the production of documents or records shall  
7 be in accordance with this Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 98-813, eff. 1-1-15.)

9 (225 ILCS 135/135)

10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

11 Sec. 135. Secretary; rehearing. Whenever the Secretary  
12 believes justice has not been done in the revocation,  
13 suspension, or refusal to issue or renew a license or the  
14 discipline of a licensee, the Secretary ~~he or she~~ may order a  
15 rehearing.

16 (Source: P.A. 98-813, eff. 1-1-15.)

17 (225 ILCS 135/140)

18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

19 Sec. 140. Appointment of a hearing officer. The Secretary  
20 has the authority to appoint any attorney licensed to practice  
21 law in the State of Illinois to serve as the hearing officer in  
22 any action for refusal to issue or renew a license or permit or  
23 to discipline a licensee. The hearing officer has full  
24 authority to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer shall

1 report the hearing officer's ~~his~~ findings of fact, conclusions  
2 of law, and recommendations to the Secretary.

3 (Source: P.A. 98-813, eff. 1-1-15.)

4 (225 ILCS 135/155)

5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

6 Sec. 155. Surrender of license. Upon the revocation or  
7 suspension of a license, the licensee shall immediately  
8 surrender the ~~his or her~~ license to the Department. If the  
9 licensee fails to do so, the Department has the right to seize  
10 the license.

11 (Source: P.A. 93-1041, eff. 9-29-04.)

12 (225 ILCS 135/180)

13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2025)

14 Sec. 180. Administrative Procedure Act; application. The  
15 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act is hereby expressly  
16 adopted and incorporated in this Act as if all of the  
17 provisions of such Act were included in this Act, except that  
18 the provision of paragraph (d) of Section 10-65 of the  
19 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, which provides that at  
20 hearings the license holder has the right to show compliance  
21 with all lawful requirements for retention, continuation, or  
22 renewal of the certificate, is specifically excluded. For the  
23 purpose of this Act the notice required under Section 10-25 of  
24 the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act is deemed sufficient

1 when mailed to the last known address of record of a party or  
2 when emailed to the last known email address of record of a  
3 party.

4 (Source: P.A. 98-813, eff. 1-1-15.)

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