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Support SB 763: State Board of Physicians--Genetic Counselors--Licensing

The Issue:

- Currently there is no pathway for genetic counseling licensure in the state of Maryland
- There are no written professional standards for genetic counselors in the state of Maryland, nor a disciplinary pathway for practitioners who fail to uphold the ethical code of the profession

What Does SB 763 Do?

- Establishes a Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee under the State Board of Physicians which is tasked with:
 - Creating genetic counseling licensure regulations
 - Instituting fees and renewal requirements for genetic counselors
 - Establishing penalties for noncompliance with licensure requirements

How Does SB 763 Help?

- Provides a pathway to licensure for genetic counselors in the state of Maryland

Additional Background Information:

- Twenty-Six states currently safeguard their patients by licensing genetic counselors through the state's Board of Physicians or equivalent body
- Career field requirements:
 - Degree: Master of Genetic Counseling
 - Board Certification: comprehensive Board exam, minimum
 - Continuing Education: variable by state