

# **Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure**

## **2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) Bill Summary**

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**BILL NUMBER:** H338

**TITLE:** An Act relative to genetic counselors

**SPONSOR(S):** Chan, Tackey

**HEARING DATE:** April 14, 2025

**REPORTING DEADLINE:** June 13, 2025

### **PRIOR HISTORY**

(2019-2020): H3827 – Bill reported favorably as redraft, see H4458, by Committee and referred to the committee on House Ways and Means.

(2021-2022): H4238 - Committee recommended bill ought to pass and referred to the committee on House Ways and Means.

(2023-2024): H5147 – Reported from House Ways and Means (new draft of H274); House passed to be engrossed; referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means.

### **CURRENT LAW**

Sections 252 to 258, inclusive, of chapter 112 of the General Laws govern the licensure and practices of genetic counselors.

### **SUMMARY**

This legislation seeks to amend the existing governing statutes for the licensure and practice of genetic counselors by: updating the names of the national certification agency and accreditation council; redefining and modernizing the acts that constitute the “practice of genetic counseling”; and shortening the length of time for a valid provisional license from 2 years to 1 year intervals.