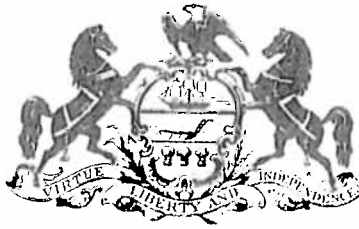


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TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Tom Killion 

DATE: January 12, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation - Licensure of Genetic Counselors  
(former HB 125 and HB 127)

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In the near future I will be reintroducing title protection and scope of practice legislation for genetic counselors.

Genetic counselors are healthcare professionals with specialized graduate degrees and experience in the areas of medical genetics and counseling. They work with other health care professionals in providing information and support to individuals and families concerned with genetic disorders or birth defects and those who are at risk for a variety of inherited conditions.

The Department of State has reviewed a Sunrise Evaluation Report submitted by proponents of licensure, and concluded that licensure of genetic counselors is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

This legislation will be introduced as two bills that are identical to each other except that they would amend two separate acts: the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act of 1978 and the Medical Practice Act of 1985.

If you would like to become a co-sponsor of this legislation please contact Alison in my office at 772-0855 or via email at [ahagler@pahousegop.com](mailto:ahagler@pahousegop.com).

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