

(i) Made with full public knowledge, in light of expert opinion; and

(ii) Reviewed constantly to consider changing medical knowledge and ensure full public protection;

(10) Participation in a hereditary AND CONGENITAL [disorder] DISORDERS program should be wholly voluntary, and all information obtained about any individual in a hereditary AND CONGENITAL [disorder] DISORDERS program should be kept confidential; and

(11) A commission is needed:

(i) To ensure that the policies and programs of this State for [a] hereditary AND CONGENITAL [disorder] DISORDERS comply with the principles established in this subtitle; and

(ii) To preserve and protect the freedom, health, and well-being of the citizens of this State from improper treatment or advice, discrimination, violation of privacy, or undue anxiety that results from any hereditary AND CONGENITAL [disorder] DISORDERS program.

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There is a State Commission on Hereditary AND CONGENITAL Disorders.

13-104.

(a) (1) The Commission consists of 11 voting members and 5 nonvoting members.

(2) Of the 11 voting members:

(i) 1 shall be a member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;

(ii) 1 shall be a member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(iii) 4 shall be [physicians] PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUALS IN THE FIELD OF HEREDITARY OR CONGENITAL DISORDERS appointed by the Governor; and

(iv) 5 shall be individuals appointed by the Governor, none of whom may be:

1. A health professional or spouse of a health professional; or

2. An individual or spouse of an individual involved in the administration or ownership of any health care institution or health insurance organization.