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**State Representative David Silvers' Genetic Counseling Patient Protection Bill Signed into Law**

**LAKE CLARKE SHORES, Fla.** – [House Bill 1233](#), substituted with [Senate Bill 1770](#) Genetic Counseling Patient Protection Act, was signed into law by **Governor Ron DeSantis** on June 21, 2021.

**Senate Bill 1770 (SB1770)** establishes state licensure for those providing genetic counseling services, allowing them to be recognized health care providers in the state of Florida. **SB1770** will not only keep and grow our skilled, STEM workforce in the state; it will ensure better access to a critical health care service for Florida's families.

“Despite being widely used, genetic counselors were not recognized as licensed health professionals in the state of Florida, severely restricting access to their services for Florida patients. As a result, Florida has one of the lowest genetic counselor-to-patient ratios in the country and, by far, the lowest among the ten most populous states,” **said Representative David Silvers.**

This law went into effect July 1, ushering in a new health care field that will help save, and improve, many lives.

For more information on **Representative Silvers**, please visit his [page](#) on the Florida House of Representatives website.

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