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A Comparison of Enacted State Genetic Discrimination Legislation Summer, 2001

Terms of Quality:

- Poor – mention was cursory, lots of exceptions, rampant ambiguity
- Fair – several exceptions, confusing
- Good – few exceptions, relatively clear
- Excellent – clear, minimal or obvious exceptions

Terms of Frequency:

- Rare – the qualitative term that appears the least in those states that have the given legislation
- Common – the two qualitative terms that are not rare or prevalent in those states that have the given legislation
- Prevalent – the qualitative term that appears the most out of any in those states that have the given legislation

Each state also receives an index, or an average, which takes into account the qualitative term given to each state for each type of legislation. Excellent = 4, Good = 3, Fair = 2, Poor = 1, Nothing = 0. The index equals the sum of the qualitative terms for each legislation type, divided by three.

State Name	Insurance	Employment	Privacy
ALABAMA – 0.33	POOR/RARE (deals only with cancer)	NONE	NONE
ALASKA – 1.33	EXCELLENT/COMMON	NONE	NONE
ARIZONA – 3.33	GOOD/PREVALENT	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	GOOD/PREVALENT
CALIFORNIA – 2.66	FAIR/COMMON	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	FAIR/COMMON
COLORADO – 1.00	POOR/RARE	NONE	FAIR/COMMON
CONNECTICUT – 1.66	POOR/RARE	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	NONE
DELAWARE – 3.33	EXCELLENT/COMMON	GOOD/COMMON	GOOD/PREVALENT
D. C. – 0.33	POOR/RARE	NONE	NONE

FLORIDA – 2.33	GOOD/PREVALENT	NONE	EXCELLENT/COMMON
GEORGIA – 1.66	FAIR/COMMON - (several exceptions despite original clarity)	NONE	GOOD/PREVALENT
HAWAII – 1.33	EXCELLENT/COMMON	NONE	NONE
IDAHO – 0.33	POOR/RARE	NONE	NONE
ILLINOIS – 2.66	EXCELLENT/COMMON	NONE	EXCELLENT/COMMON
INDIANA – 2.00	GOOD/PREVALENT (slightly confusing)	NONE	GOOD/PREVALENT (slightly confusing)
IOWA – 1.66	GOOD/PREVALENT (rather basic)	FAIR/RARE	NONE
KANSAS – 2.00	FAIR/COMMON (confusing)	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	NONE
KENTUCKY – 1.00	GOOD/PREVALENT (equates with race, sex, etc.)	NONE	NONE
LOUISIANA – 2.00	GOOD/PREVALENT	NONE	GOOD/PREVALENT
MAINE – 0.66	GOOD/PREVALENT	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	NONE
MARYLAND – 2.33	GOOD/PREVALENT (great for health, but not for others)	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	NONE
MASSACHUSETTS – 3.00	GOOD/PREVALENT	GOOD/COMMON	GOOD/PREVALENT
MICHIGAN – 2.66	EXCELLENT/COMMON	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	NONE
MINNESOTA – 2.66	EXCELLENT/COMMON	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	NONE
MISSISSIPPI – 0.00	NONE	NONE	NONE
MISSOURI – 3.66	EXCELLENT/COMMON	GOOD/COMMON	EXCELLENT/COMMON
MONTANA – 1.00	GOOD/PREVALENT	NONE	NONE
NEBRASKA – 0.66	FAIR/COMMON (sparse, not organized)	NONE	NONE
NEVADA – 2.33	FAIR/COMMON	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	POOR/RARE
NEW HAMPSHIRE – 2.66	FAIR/COMMON	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	FAIR/COMMON
NEW JERSEY – 3.00	FAIR/COMMON	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	GOOD/PREVALENT
NEW MEXICO – 2.00	GOOD/PREVALENT	NONE	GOOD/PREVALENT (Privacy Act is comprehensive)

NEW YORK – 2.66	POOR/RARE	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	GOOD/PREVALENT
NORTH CAROLINA – 2.33	GOOD/PREVALENT	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	NONE
NORTH DAKOTA – 0.33	POOR/RARE	NONE	NONE
OHIO – 1.33	EXCELLENT/COMMON (despite new provisions take effect 2/9/04)	NONE	NONE
OKLAHOMA – 3.33	GOOD/PREVALENT (privacy legislation detracts)	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	GOOD/PREVALENT
OREGON – 3.66	EXCELLENT/COMMON	GOOD/COMMON	EXCELLENT/COMMON
PENNSYLVANIA – 0.33	POOR/RARE	NONE	NONE
RHODE ISLAND – 2.33	GOOD/PREVALENT	EXCELLENT/PREVALENT	NONE
SOUTH CAROLINA – 2.00	FAIR/COMMON	NONE	EXCELLENT/COMMON
SOUTH DAKOTA – 3.66	EXCELENT/COMMON	GOOD/COMMON	EXCELLENT/COMMON
TENNESSEE – 0.66	FAIR/COMMON	NONE	NONE
TEXAS – 3.33	EXCELLENT/COMMON	GOOD/COMMON	GOOD/PREVALENT
UTAH – 0.00	NONE	NONE	NONE
VERMONT – 3.33	EXCELLENT/COMMON	GOOD/COMMON	GOOD/PREVALENT
VIRGINIA – 1.33	FAIR/COMMON (applies only to groups accident or sickness insurance)	NONE	FAIR/COMMON
WASHINGTON – 0.00	NONE	NONE	NONE
WEST VIRGINIA – 0.66	FAIR/COMMON (only sickness and accident insurance)	NONE	NONE
WISCONSIN – 2.00	GOOD/PREVALENT	GOOD/PREVALENT	NONE
WYOMING – 1.00	GOOD	NONE	NONE

Parentheticals are meant to explain the rating in a difficult assessment.

Insurance: Poor = 8, Fair = 12, Good = 16, Excellent = 12	TOTAL = 48
Employment: Poor = 0, Fair = 1, Good = 8, Excellent = 16	TOTAL = 25
Privacy: Poor = 1, Fair = 4, Good = 12, Excellent = 6	TOTAL = 23