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"Passage of this bill is a long time in the making," said Michaud. "By prohibiting the improper use of genetic information, Americans no longer have to fear any consequences from the life-saving potentials of genetic testing."

GINA will prevent health insurers from canceling, denying, refusing to renew, or changing the terms or premiums of coverage based solely on a genetic predisposition toward a specific disease. GINA also bars employers from using an individual's genetic information when making hiring, firing, promotion, and other employment-related decisions.