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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 324.200, 324.205, and 324.210, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof three new sections relating to dietitians, with existing penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 324.200, 324.205, and 324.210, RSMo, are repealed
2 and three new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 324.200,
3 324.205, and 324.210, to read as follows:

324.200. 1. Sections 324.200 to 324.225 shall be known and may be cited
2 as the "Dietitian Practice Act".

3 2. As used in sections 324.200 to 324.225, the following terms shall mean:

4 (1) "[Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education (CADE)", the
5 American Dietetic Association's] **Accreditation Council for Education in**
6 **Nutrition and Dietetics**" or "ACEND", the **Academy of Nutrition and**
7 **Dietetics** accrediting agency for education programs preparing students for
8 professions as registered dietitians;

9 (2) "Committee", the state committee of dietitians established in section
10 324.203;

11 (3) "Dietetics practice", the application of principles derived from
12 integrating knowledge of food, nutrition, biochemistry, physiology, management,
13 and behavioral and social science to achieve and maintain the health of people by
14 providing nutrition assessment and nutrition care services. The primary function
15 of dietetic practice is the provision of nutrition care services that shall include,
16 but not be limited to:

17 (a) Assessing the nutrition needs of individuals and groups and
18 determining resources and constraints in the practice setting;

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

- 19 (b) Establishing priorities, goals, and objectives that meet nutrition needs
20 and are consistent with available resources and constraints;
- 21 (c) Providing nutrition counseling or education in health and disease;
- 22 (d) Developing, implementing, and managing nutrition care systems;
- 23 (e) Evaluating, making changes in, and maintaining appropriate
24 standards of quality and safety in food and in nutrition services;
- 25 (f) Engaged in medical nutritional therapy as defined in subdivision (8)
26 of this section;
- 27 (4) "Dietitian", one engaged in dietetic practice as defined in subdivision
28 (3) of this section;
- 29 (5) "Director", the director of the division of professional registration;
- 30 (6) "Division", the division of professional registration;
- 31 (7) "Licensed dietitian", a person who is licensed pursuant to the
32 provisions of sections 324.200 to 324.225 to engage in the practice of dietetics or
33 medical nutrition therapy;
- 34 (8) "Medical nutrition therapy", nutritional diagnostic, therapy, and
35 counseling services which are furnished by a registered dietitian **or registered**
36 **dietitian nutritionist**;
- 37 (9) "Registered dietitian" **or "registered dietitian nutritionist"**, a
38 person who:
- 39 (a) Has completed a minimum of a baccalaureate degree granted by a
40 United States regionally accredited college or university or foreign equivalent;
- 41 (b) Completed the academic requirements of a didactic program in
42 dietetics, as approved by [CADE] ACEND;
- 43 (c) Successfully completed the registration examination for dietitians; and
- 44 (d) Accrued seventy-five hours of approved continuing professional units
45 every five years; as determined by the committee on dietetic registration.

324.205. 1. Any person who holds a license to practice dietetics in this
2 state may use the title "Dietitian" or the abbreviation "L.D." **or "L.D.N."**. No
3 other person may use the title "Dietitian" or the abbreviation "L.D." **or "L.D.N."**.
4 No other person shall assume any title or use any title or use any abbreviation
5 or any other words, letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using the
6 same is a licensed dietitian.

7 2. No person shall practice or offer to practice dietetics in this state for
8 compensation or use any title, sign, abbreviation, card, or device to indicate that
9 such person is practicing dietetics unless he or she has been duly licensed

10 pursuant to the provisions of sections 324.200 to 324.225.

11 3. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection 1 of this section
12 is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

324.210. 1. An applicant for licensure as a dietitian shall be at least
2 twenty-one years of age.

3 2. Each applicant shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

4 (1) The applicant has completed a didactic program in dietetics which is
5 approved or accredited by the [commission on accreditation for dietetics
6 education] **Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and
7 Dietetics** and a minimum of a baccalaureate degree from an acceptable
8 educational institution accredited by a regional accrediting body or accredited by
9 an accrediting body which has been approved by the United States Department
10 of Education. Applicants who have obtained their education outside of the United
11 States and its territories must have their academic degrees validated as
12 equivalent to the baccalaureate or master's degree conferred by a regionally
13 accredited college or university in the United States. Validation of a foreign
14 degree does not eliminate the need for a verification statement of completion of
15 a didactic program in dietetics;

16 (2) The applicant has completed a supervised practice requirement from
17 an institution that is certified by a nationally recognized professional
18 organization as having a dietetics specialty or who meets criteria for dietetics
19 education established by the committee. The committee may specify those
20 professional organization certifications which are to be recognized and may set
21 standards for education training and experience required for those without such
22 specialty certification to become dietitians.

23 3. The applicant shall successfully pass an examination as determined by
24 the committee and possess a current registration with the Commission on Dietetic
25 Registration. The committee may waive the examination requirement and grant
26 licensure to an applicant for a license as a dietitian who presents satisfactory
27 evidence to the committee of current registration as a dietitian with the
28 commission on dietetic registration.

29 4. Prior to July 1, 2000, a person may apply for licensure without
30 examination and shall be exempt from the academic requirements of this section
31 if the committee is satisfied that the applicant has a bachelor's degree in a
32 program approved by the committee and has work experience approved by the
33 committee.

34 5. The committee may determine the type of documentation needed to
35 verify that an applicant meets the qualifications provided in subsection 3 of this
36 section.

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