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HOUSE BILL 796

Short Title: Modernize Dietetics/Nutrition Practice Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative B. Brown (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Health.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT EXPANDING THE ABILITY OF QUALIFIED NUTRITION PROFESSIONALS  
3 TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. G.S. 90-352 reads as rewritten:

6 "§ 90-352. Definitions.

7 ~~As used~~ The following definitions apply in this Article, unless the context otherwise  
8 ~~requires, the term requires:~~

9 (1) ~~"Board" means the Board.~~ – The North Carolina Board of Dietetics/Nutrition.

10 (2) ~~"Dietetics/nutrition" means the Dietetics/nutrition.~~ – The integration and  
11 application of principles derived from the science of nutrition, biochemistry,  
12 physiology, food, and management and from behavioral and social sciences  
13 to achieve and maintain a healthy status. The primary function of  
14 dietetic/nutrition practice is the provision of nutrition care services.

15 (3) ~~"Licensed dietitian/nutritionist" means an Licensed dietitian/nutritionist.~~ – An  
16 individual licensed in good standing to practice dietetics/nutrition.

17 (3a) Medical nutrition therapy. – The provision of nutrition care services for the  
18 purpose of managing or treating a medical condition.

19 (4) ~~"Nutrition care services" means any Nutrition care services.~~ – Any, part or  
20 all of the following:

- 21 a. Assessing the nutritional needs of individuals and groups, and  
22 determining resources and constraints in the practice setting.  
23 b. Establishing priorities, goals, and objectives that meet nutritional  
24 needs and are consistent with available resources and constraints.  
25 c. Providing nutrition counseling in health and disease.  
26 d. Developing, implementing, and managing nutrition care systems.  
27 e. Evaluating, making changes in, and maintaining appropriate  
28 standards of quality in food and nutrition services.

29 ~~"Nutrition care services"~~ The term does not include the retail sale of food  
30 products or vitamins."

31 SECTION 2. G.S. 90-365 reads as rewritten:

32 "§ 90-365. Requirement of license.

33 ~~After March 31, 1992, it~~ It shall be unlawful for any person who is not currently licensed  
34 under this Article to do any of the following:



- 1           (1) ~~Engage in the practice of dietetics/nutrition.~~  
2           (1a) Engage in the practice of medical nutrition therapy.  
3           (2) Use the title "dietitian/nutritionist".  
4           (3) Use the words "dietitian," "nutritionist," or "licensed dietitian/nutritionist"  
5           alone or in combination.  
6           (4) Use the letters "LD," "LN," or "LDN," or any facsimile or combination in  
7           any words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia.  
8           (5) To imply orally or in writing or indicate in any way that the person is a  
9           licensed dietitian/nutritionist."  
10          **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2015.