

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to dietetics and nutrition; amending
3 s. 468.503, F.S.; defining the term "commission";
4 revising definitions; amending s. 468.505, F.S.;
5 authorizing certain certified individuals to use
6 specified titles and designations; amending s.
7 468.509, F.S.; requiring the Board of Medicine to
8 waive the examination requirement for specified
9 applicants; amending s. 468.516, F.S.; providing that
10 a licensed dietitian or nutritionist treating a
11 patient who is under the active care of a licensed
12 physician or licensed chiropractor is not precluded
13 from ordering a therapeutic diet; providing an
14 effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Subsections (3) through (11) of section
19 468.503, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4)
20 through (12), respectively, present subsections (4) and (11) are
21 amended, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to
22 read:

23 468.503 Definitions.—As used in this part:

24 (3) "Commission" means the Commission on Dietetic
25 Registration, the credentialing agency of the Academy of
26 Nutrition and Dietetics.

27 (5)~~(4)~~ "Dietetics and nutrition practice" shall include
 28 assessing nutrition needs and status using appropriate data;
 29 recommending appropriate dietary regimens, nutrition support,
 30 and nutrient intake; ordering therapeutic diets; improving
 31 health status through nutrition research, counseling, and
 32 education; and developing, implementing, and managing nutrition
 33 care systems, which includes, but is not limited to, evaluating,
 34 modifying, and maintaining appropriate standards of high quality
 35 in food and nutrition care services.

36 (12)~~(11)~~ "Registered dietitian" or "registered
 37 dietitian/nutritionist" means an individual registered with the
 38 ~~commission on Dietetic Registration, the accrediting body of the~~
 39 ~~American Dietetic Association.~~

40 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 468.505, Florida
 41 Statutes, is amended to read:

42 468.505 Exemptions; exceptions.—

43 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, an
 44 individual registered by the ~~commission on Dietetic Registration~~
 45 ~~of the American Dietetic Association~~ has the right to use the
 46 title "Registered Dietitian" or "Registered
 47 Dietitian/Nutritionist," and the designation "R.D." or "R.D.N."
 48 An individual certified by the Certification Board for Nutrition
 49 Specialists has the right to use the title "Certified Nutrition
 50 Specialist" and the designation "CNS" and an individual
 51 certified by the American Clinical Board of Nutrition has the
 52 right to use the title "Diplomate of the American Clinical Board

53 of Nutrition" and use the designation "DACBN."

54 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 468.509, Florida
55 Statutes, is amended to read:

56 468.509 Dietitian/nutritionist; requirements for
57 licensure.—

58 (3) The board shall waive the examination requirement for
59 an applicant who presents evidence satisfactory to the board
60 that the applicant is:

61 (a) A registered dietitian or registered
62 dietitian/nutritionist who is registered with the commission and
63 complies with the qualifications under this section; or

64 (b) A certified nutrition specialist who is certified by
65 the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists or who is a
66 Diplomate of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition and
67 complies with the qualifications under this section.

68 Section 4. Subsection (3) is added to section 468.516,
69 Florida Statutes, to read:

70 468.516 Practice requirements.—

71 (3) This section does not preclude a licensed
72 dietitian/nutritionist from independently ordering a therapeutic
73 diet if otherwise authorized to order such a diet in this state.

74 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.