

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Bean

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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 redefining terms; amending s. 468.505, F.S.;
5 authorizing certain registered or certified
6 individuals to use specified titles and designations;
7 amending s. 468.509, F.S.; requiring the Board of
8 Medicine to waive the examination requirement for
9 specified applicants; amending s. 468.516, F.S.;
10 providing that a licensed dietitian/nutritionist
11 treating a patient who is under the active care of a
12 licensed physician or licensed chiropractor is not
13 precluded from ordering a therapeutic diet if
14 otherwise authorized to order such a diet; providing
15 an effective date.

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

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

24 468.503 Definitions.—As used in this part:

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

28 (5)~~(4)~~ "Dietetics and nutrition practice" shall include
29 assessing nutrition needs and status using appropriate data;

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30 recommending appropriate dietary regimens, nutrition support,
31 and nutrient intake; ordering therapeutic diets; improving
32 health status through nutrition research, counseling, and
33 education; and developing, implementing, and managing nutrition
34 care systems, which includes, but is not limited to, evaluating,
35 modifying, and maintaining appropriate standards of high quality
36 in food and nutrition care services.

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

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

43 468.505 Exemptions; exceptions.—

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

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

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

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

62 (a) A registered dietitian or registered
63 dietitian/nutritionist who is in compliance with the
64 qualification requirements under this section; or

65 (b) A certified nutrition specialist who is certified by
66 the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists or is a
67 Diplomate of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition, and who
68 is in compliance with the qualification requirements under this
69 section.

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

72 468.516 Practice requirements.—

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

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