

Amendment - 1st Reading/2nd House-blue - Requested by: Courtenay Sprunger - (S)
Business, Labor and Economic Affairs

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Drafter: Matthew Weaver,

HB0806.002.001

HOUSE BILL NO. 806

INTRODUCED BY C. SPRUNGER, E. BUTTREY

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS; REVISING THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR LICENSURE OF DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS; ~~PROVIDING QUALIFIED SUPERVISOR REQUIREMENTS~~; PROVIDING FOR PERMITS AND TRANSITIONAL LICENSURE; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-1731, 20-4-502, 20-9-327, 37-25-101, 37-25-102, 37-25-201, 37-25-303, 37-25-304, AND 37-25-305, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 37-25-301 AND 37-25-302, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

SECTION 1. SECTION 2-15-1731, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:

"2-15-1731. Board of medical examiners. (1) In accordance with 37-1-123, there is a Montana state board of medical examiners.

(2) The board consists of 12 members:

(a) five doctors of medicine, including one with experience in emergency medicine, none of whom may be from the same county;

(b) one doctor of osteopathy;

(c) one podiatrist;

(d) one ~~nutritionist~~ dietitian;

(e) one physician assistant;

(f) one emergency care provider, as defined in 50-6-202, who may be a volunteer emergency care provider; and

(g) two public members.

(3) The board is allocated to the department as prescribed in 2-15-121."

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~~this act], the board may waive the examination requirement and may grant a nutritionist license to an applicant who:~~

~~(1) — received a baccalaureate or higher academic degree from a United States regionally accredited institution of higher education recognized by the council on higher education with at least 30 credit hours, or a major course of study, in human nutrition, foods and nutrition, food systems management, nutritional science, nutritional education, community nutrition, public health nutrition, nutrition education, nutrition, nutrition science, clinical nutrition, applied clinical nutrition, nutrition counseling, nutrition and functional medicine, nutritional biochemistry, nutrition and integrative health, or an equivalent course of study leading to competence in medical nutrition therapy;~~

~~(2) — has been employed or self-employed at least half time to provide nutrition care services for the treatment or management of a diagnosed disease or medical condition for 3 of the 5 years immediately preceding [the effective date of this act];~~

~~(3) — has been providing medical nutrition therapy to residents of this state without supervision for at least 6 months immediately preceding [the effective date of this act]; and~~

~~(4) — does not hold the RD credential.~~

NEW SECTION. Section 14. Repealer. The following sections of the Montana Code Annotated are repealed:

37-25-301. Scope of dietetic-nutrition practice.

37-25-302. Licensing requirements.

NEW SECTION. Section 15. Codification instruction. [Sections ~~6 7~~ through ~~8 9~~ and ~~12 through 14 13~~] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 25, part 3, and the provisions of Title 37, chapter 25, part 3, apply to [sections ~~6 7~~ through ~~8 9~~ and ~~12 through 14 13~~].

COORDINATION SECTION. Section 16. Coordination instruction. If both House Bill No. 414 and [this act] are passed and approved and if House Bill No. 414 contains a section that creates standardized

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1 procedures for provisional licenses for all boards and programs under Title 37 and that also includes provisions
2 for a board to prescribe relating to the provisional license, then [section 13 of this act], establishing provisional
3 and limited permits, is void.

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