

**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

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 806
2 INTRODUCED BY C. SPRUNGER, E. BUTTREY
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO DIETITIANS AND
5 NUTRITIONISTS; REVISING THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS;
6 PROVIDING LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS; REQUIRING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR
7 LICENSURE OF DIETITIANS AND NUTRITIONISTS; PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS; ~~PROVIDING QUALIFIED~~
8 ~~SUPERVISOR REQUIREMENTS~~; PROVIDING FOR PERMITS AND TRANSITIONAL LICENSURE;
9 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-
10 304, AND 37-25-305, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 37-25-301 AND 37-25-302, MCA."

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

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14 **SECTION 1.** SECTION 2-15-1731, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:
15 **"2-15-1731. Board of medical examiners.** (1) In accordance with 37-1-123, there is a Montana state
16 board of medical examiners.
17 (2) The board consists of 12 members:
18 (a) five doctors of medicine, including one with experience in emergency medicine, none of whom
19 may be from the same county;
20 (b) one doctor of osteopathy;
21 (c) one podiatrist;
22 (d) one ~~nutritionist~~ dietitian;
23 (e) one physician assistant;
24 (f) one emergency care provider, as defined in 50-6-202, who may be a volunteer emergency care
25 provider; and
26 (g) two public members.
27 (3) The board is allocated to the department as prescribed in 2-15-121."

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 37-25-301. Scope of dietetic-nutrition practice.

20 37-25-302. Licensing requirements.

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22 **NEW SECTION. Section 15. Codification instruction.** [Sections ~~6 7~~ through ~~8 9~~ and ~~12 through 14~~
23 ~~13~~] are intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 37, chapter 25, part 3, and the provisions of Title 37,
24 chapter 25, part 3, apply to [sections ~~6 7~~ through ~~8 9~~ and ~~12 through 14~~ ~~13~~].

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26 **COORDINATION SECTION. Section 16. Coordination instruction.** If both House Bill No. 414 and
27 [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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