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-- Health and Government Operations/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

| Introd | duced by Delegate McHale | |
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| | Read and Examined by Proofreaders: | |
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| | ed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval thisday of at o'clock,M. | Proofreader |
| | | Speaker |
| | CHAPTER | |
| 1 A | AN ACT concerning | |
| 2 | State Board of Dietetic Practice - Licensing Provisions - Changes | |
| 3 F 4 5 | FOR the purpose of altering the quorum requirements for the State Board of Dietetic Practice; establishing additional powers of the Board; providing that a member of the Board is entitled to certain compensation; altering the sources of certain funds for the State Board of Dietetic Practice Funds repealing a provision that | |

- funds for the State Board of Dietetic Practice Fund; repealing a provision that
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- allows certain individuals from practicing to practice without a license; altering
- 8 the qualifications for licensure as a dietitian-nutritionist; authorizing the Board 9
- to waive certain examination requirements for certain individuals certified by a 10 certain group; altering the renewal provisions for certain licenses; establishing
- certain provisions for placing certain licenses on inactive status, the reactivation 11
- of certain licenses, and the reinstatement of certain licenses; requiring certain 12
- 13 licensees to give the Board a certain written notice within a certain time period;
- 14 establishing requirements for the surrender of certain licenses; altering the
- grounds for disciplinary action against certain licensees and applicants for 15
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- certain licenses; providing for a certain civil penalty; altering certain hearing
- 17 procedures; prohibiting a certain order of the Board from being stayed pending

- a certain review; defining certain terms; altering the definition of certain terms;
- 2 and generally relating to changing licensing provisions under the State Board of
- 3 Dietetic Practice.
- 4 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 5 Article Health Occupations
- 6 Section 5-101, 5-204, 5-205, 5-206, 5-301, 5-302, 5-305, 5-308, 5-310, 5-311,
- 7 5-312, 5-313, and 5-314(a) and (b)
- 8 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 9 (2005 Replacement Volume)
- 10 BY repealing
- 11 Article Health Occupations
- 12 Section 5-309
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2005 Replacement Volume)
- 15 BY adding to
- 16 Article Health Occupations
- 17 Section 5-309, 5-310.1, and 5-311.1
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2005 Replacement Volume)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 22 Article Health Occupations
- 23 5-101.
- 24 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- 25 (b) "Board" means the State Board of Dietetic Practice.
- 26 (c) "Certified nutrition specialist" means an individual certified by the
- 27 Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists, the accrediting body of the American
- 28 College of Nutrition.
- 29 (d) "Dietitian-nutritionist" means, unless the context requires otherwise, an
- 30 individual who is licensed by the Board to practice dietetics.
- 31 (e) "License" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a license issued by
- 32 the Board to practice dietetics.
- 33 (F) (1) "MEDICAL DEVICE" MEANS A HEALTH CARE PRODUCT USED IN THE
- 34 DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, OR PREVENTION OF DISEASE.

33 OR MAY NOT BE ON THE PREMISES.

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1 5-204.

| 2 | (a) SERVING C | | ity of the [full authorized membership of] MEMBERS THEN pard is a quorum. | | | |
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| 4 | (b) | The Boa | The Board shall determine the times and places of its meetings. | | | |
| 5 | (c) | A memb | per of the Board: | | | |
| 6 7 | IN ACCORI | (1) DANCE V | May not receive compensation; but IS ENTITLED TO COMPENSATION WITH THE BUDGET OF THE BOARD; AND | | | |
| 8 9 | Board. | (2) | Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses at a rate determined by the | | | |
| 10 11 | (d) 5-205. | The Boa | ard may employ a staff in accordance with the budget of the Board. | | | |
| 12 13 | (a) may: | In additi | on to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Board | | | |
| 14 | | (1) | Adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle; [and] | | | |
| 15 | | (2) | Sue to enforce any provision of this subtitle by injunction; AND | | | |
| | AFFIDAVI | | ISSUE SUBPOENAS, SUMMON WITNESSES, ADMINISTER OATHS, TAKE TAKE TESTIMONY ABOUT MATTERS THAT RELATE TO THE THE BOARD. | | | |
| 19 20 | (b) shall: | In additi | on to the duties set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Board | | | |
| 21 | | (1) | Keep a list of all dietitian-nutritionists who are currently licensed; | | | |
| 22 | | (2) | Keep a record of its proceedings; and | | | |
| 23 24 | | (3) Governor | Submit an annual report of its transactions for the previous fiscal by September 30 of each year. | | | |
| 25 | 5-206. | | | | | |
| 26 | (a) | There is | a State Board of Dietetic Practice Fund. | | | |
| 27 28 | (b) licenses. | (1) | The Board may set reasonable fees for the issuance and renewal of | | | |
| 29 30 | maintaining | (2) the Board | The fees charged shall be set so as to approximate the cost of d. | | | |
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| 1 2 | by fees set u | | Funds to cover the expenses of the Board members shall be generated section. |
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| 3 | (c) Comptroller | (1) of the Sta | The Board shall pay all funds collected under this title to the ate. |
| 5 6 | Dietetic Prac | (2) etice Fund | The Comptroller shall distribute the funds to the State Board of I. |
| | (d) indirect costs by the provis | | The Fund shall be used to cover the actual documented direct and ling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Board as provided his article. |
| 10 11 | | (2) nance and | The Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund, not subject to § 7-302 of Procurement Article. |
| | | | Any unspent portions of the Fund may not be transferred or revert to he State, but shall remain in the Fund to be used for the this article. |
| 15 16 | | (4) be used t | [No] EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW, NO other State o support the Fund. |
| 17 | (e) | (1) | A designee of the Board shall administer the Fund. |
| 18 19 | | (2) under the | Moneys in the Fund may be expended only for any lawful purpose provisions of this article. |
| 20 21 | ` / | | islative Auditor shall audit the accounts and transactions of the 2-1220 of the State Government Article. |
| 22 | 5-301. | | |
| 23 24 | \ / | | as otherwise provided in this subtitle, an individual shall be before the individual may practice dietetics in the State. |
| 25 | (b) | The follo | owing individuals may practice dietetics without a license: |
| 28 | supervision requirement | or pursui | A student or trainee, working under the [direct or indirect] sed dietitian-nutritionist while fulfilling an experience ing a course of study to meet requirements for licensure, for a e as determined by the Board[.]; |
| 30 31 | | (2) nile practi | An individual employed by the United States government to practice cing within the scope of that employment[.]; AND |
| | | _ | An individual who aids in the practice of dietetics, if the individual ct or indirect] supervision of a licensed dietitian-nutritionist or |
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| 1 2 | [(4) State, or is a residen | | itian who has recently become a resident of this not licensed, and who: |
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| 3 | | (i) Has app | lied for licensure; and |
| 4 | | (ii) Has not | had a license application denied in this State. |
| 5 6 | (c) Subje dietetics without a | | pted by the Board, an individual may practice ual: |
| 7 8 | (1) dietitian-nutritionis | | emic and experience requirements to be a licensed |
| 9 | (2) | Has applied for o | or taken the licensing examination; and |
| 10 | (3) | Is awaiting notifi | cation of the examination results.] |
| 11 | 5-302. | | |
| 12 13 | (a) To que requirements of this | | n applicant shall be an individual who meets the |
| 14 | (b) The a | plicant must be of | good moral character. |
| 15 | (c) The a | plicant must be at l | east 18 years old. |
| 16 | (d) The a | plicant for licensur | e as a dietitian-nutritionist shall: |
| 17 18 | (1) the field of dietetic | (i) 1. as approved by the | Have satisfactorily completed academic requirements for Board; AND |
| 21 | EDUCATIONAL | ACCREDITING AS | Have received a baccalaureate degree [or a higher degree] by the Board] ACCREDITED BY AN SOCIATION RECOGNIZED BY THE COUNCIL ON EDITATION; [and] OR |
| 25 26 27 28 | ASSOCIATION R ACCREDITATION NUTRITION), FO | IVERSITY ACCR ECOGNIZED BY T I IN NUTRITIONA DD AND NUTRITI | RECEIVED A MASTER'S OR DOCTORAL DEGREE FROM A EDITED BY AN EDUCATIONAL ACCREDITING THE COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND AL SCIENCES (WITH EMPHASIS IN HUMAN ON, DIETETICS, HUMAN NUTRITION, COMMUNITY FRITION, OR EQUIVALENT TRAINING APPROVED BY |
| 32 | | | Have satisfactorily completed a program of supervised ommission on Dietetic Registration of the mparable experience approved by the Board; |
| 34 35 | (3) CERTIFICATION | | T TO THE BOARD PROOF OF CERTIFICATION BY THE CRITIONAL SPECIALISTS; OR |

| | COMMISSIO ASSOCIATI | | (II) DIETETIO | | Γ TO THE BOARD PROOF OF REGISTRATION WITH THE TRATION OF THE AMERICAN DIETETIC |
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| 6 7 | Post-Seconda nutrition), fo | ary Accre | editation i utrition, d | onal accre in nutritic lietetics, l | ceived a master's or doctoral degree from a college or editing body recognized by the Council on onal sciences (with emphasis in human nutrition, community nutrition, ining approved by the Board; and |
| 9 10 | component i | in dietetic | (ii) c or nutrit | | risfactorily completed a Board approved experience actice which: |
| 11 | | | | 1. | Consists of not less than 900 hours; and |
| 12 13 | completing a | a master's | s or docto | 2. oral degre | Includes the human clinical experience gained while e; |
| 14 15 | | (3) gistration | | | ard proof of registration through the Commission on Dietetic Association; or |
| | requirement | | Certificati | on Board | y completed the academic and experience for Nutrition Specialists and submit to the ification Board for Nutrition Specialists.] |
| 19 20 | (-) | | | | led in this subtitle, the applicant must pass an der this subtitle. |
| 21 22 | (f) Board establ | | | | ny other qualifications or requirements that the |
| 23 | 5-305. | | | | |
| 24 25 | ` / | | | | of this section, the Board may waive an r an individual who: |
| 26 | | (1) | Is licens | ed to prac | ctice dietetics in another state or country; [or] |
| 27 28 | | (2) of the A | | | ractice dietetics by the Commission on Dietetic Association; OR |
| 29 30 | SPECIALIS | (3) TS. | IS CER | ΓIFIED E | BY THE CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR NUTRITION |
| 31 | (b) | The Boa | ard may g | rant a wa | iver under this section only if the applicant: |
| 32 33 | and | (1) | Pays the | applicati | on fee set by the Board under § 5-206 of this title; |
| 34 | | (2) | Provides | adequat | e evidence that the applicant: |

| 1 | (i) Meets the qualifications otherwise required by this subtitle; and |
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| | (ii) 1. Became licensed in the other state or country after passing, in that state or country, an examination that the Board determines to be comparable to the examination for which the applicant is seeking the waiver; [or] |
| | 2. Became registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association after meeting the examination waiver requirements of that Commission or its predecessor; OR |
| | 3. BECAME CERTIFIED BY THE CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR NUTRITION SPECIALISTS AFTER MEETING THE EXAMINATION WAIVER REQUIREMENTS OF THAT CERTIFICATION BOARD OR ITS PREDECESSOR. |
| 11 | 5-308. |
| 12 13 | (a) (1) Unless the license is renewed for an additional term as provided in this section, a license expires on the date set by the Board. |
| 14 | (2) A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years. |
| | (b) At least 1 month before the license expires, the Board shall send to the licensee, by first-class mail to the last known address of the licensee, a renewal notice that states: |
| 18 | (1) The date on which the current license expires; |
| 19 20 | (2) The date by which the Board must receive the renewal application for the renewal to be issued and mailed before the license expires; and |
| 21 | (3) The amount of the renewal fee. |
| 22 23 | (c) Before the license expires, the licensee [periodically] may renew it for an additional 2-year term, if the licensee: |
| 24 | (1) Otherwise is entitled to be licensed; |
| 25 | (2) Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board; and |
| 26 | (3) Submits to the Board: |
| 27 | (i) A renewal application on the form that the Board requires; and |
| 28 29 | (ii) Satisfactory evidence of compliance with the continuing education requirements for license renewal set by the Board under this section. |
| | (d) In addition to any other qualifications and requirements established by the Board, the Board shall establish continuing education requirements as a condition to the renewal of licenses under this section. |

| 1 2 | (e) requirements | | | enew the license of each licensee who meets the |
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| 3 | [5-309. | | | |
| | | itionist w | | with its regulations, shall reinstate the license of a iled to renew the license for any reason if the |
| 7 | | (1) | Meets th | e renewal requirements of § 5-308 of this subtitle; |
| 8 | | (2) | Pays to t | he Board the reinstatement fee set by the Board; and |
| | qualification reinstatemen | | | to the Board satisfactory evidence of compliance with the s established under this subtitle for license |
| 12 | 5-309. | | | |
| 13 14 | (A) LICENSEE: | (1) | THE BC | OARD SHALL PLACE A LICENSEE ON INACTIVE STATUS IF THE |
| 15 16 | STATUS ON | N THE F | (I) ORM RE | SUBMITS TO THE BOARD AN APPLICATION FOR INACTIVE QUIRED BY THE BOARD; AND |
| 17 18 | BOARD. | | (II) | PAYS TO THE BOARD THE INACTIVE STATUS FEE SET BY THE |
| 19 20 | | (2) N INACT | | ARD SHALL REACTIVATE THE LICENSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL ATUS IF THE INDIVIDUAL: |
| 21 22 | ESTABLISH | HED BY | | SATISFIES THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ARD; AND |
| 23 | | | (II) | PAYS TO THE BOARD A REACTIVATION FEE SET BY THE BOARD. |
| | | SE OF A | N INDIV | ACCORDANCE WITH ITS REGULATIONS, SHALL REINSTATE VIDUAL WHO FAILED TO RENEW A LICENSE FOR ANY AL: |
| 27 | | (1) | OTHER | WISE IS ENTITLED TO BE LICENSED; |
| 28 29 | ESTABLISH | (2) HED BY | | IES THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS ARD; |
| 30 31 | AND | (3) | PAYS T | O THE BOARD A REINSTATEMENT FEE SET BY THE BOARD; |
| 32 33 | | (4) FTER TI | | S TO THE BOARD FOR REINSTATEMENT OF A LICENSE WITHIN RATION OF THE LICENSE. |

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| | (C) (1) THE BOARD MAY NOT REINSTATE THE LICENSE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FAILS TO APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT OF THE LICENSE WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE LICENSE. |
| 6 | (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO FAILS TO APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT OF A LICENSE WITHIN 5 YEARS AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF THE LICENSE MAY BECOME LICENSED BY MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING AN INITIAL LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE. |
| 8 | 5-310. |
| 9 10 | (a) Each licensee shall produce a valid license when requested to do so by an existing or potential employer or client. |
| 11 12 | (b) Each licensee shall give the Board written notice of any change of address WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS. |
| 13 | 5-310.1. |
| 16 | (A) UNLESS THE BOARD AGREES TO ACCEPT THE SURRENDER OF A LICENSE, A LICENSED DIETITIAN-NUTRITIONIST MAY NOT SURRENDER THE LICENSE NOR MAY THE LICENSE LAPSE BY OPERATION OF LAW WHILE THE LICENSEE IS UNDER INVESTIGATION OR WHILE CHARGES ARE PENDING AGAINST THE LICENSEE. |
| | (B) THE BOARD MAY SET CONDITIONS ON ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE LICENSEE UNDER INVESTIGATION OR AGAINST WHOM CHARGES ARE PENDING TO ACCEPT SURRENDER OF THE LICENSE. |
| 21 | 5-311. |
| 24 | Subject to the hearing provisions of § 5-312 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee: |
| 26 27 | (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant or licensee or for another; |
| 28 | (2) Fraudulently or deceptively uses a license; |
| 29 30 | (3) Violates any provision of this title or any regulations adopted under this title; |
| | (4) Refuses, withholds from, denies, or discriminates against an individual with regard to the provision of professional service for which the licensee is licensed and qualified to render because the individual is HIV positive; |
| 34 | (5) Commits fraud or deceit in the practice of dietetics; |

| | | Is convicted of or pleads nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime ade, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending or plea set aside; |
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| 4 5 | (7) misrepresentation; | Obtains or attempts to obtain a fee through fraud or |
| 6 7 | | Employs any person to practice dietetics whose license or certificate supation under this article has been suspended; |
| | misleading, deceiving, | [Intentionally uses] USES or promotes or causes the use of any or untruthful advertising matter, or promotional literature, warranty, label, brand, insignia, or other representation; |
| 11 12 | | Commits any act of unprofessional conduct, as defined by the rules Board, or violates the code of ethics adopted by the Board; |
| 13 | (11) | Provides professional services while: |
| 14 | | (i) Under the influence of alcohol; or |
| | defined in § 5-101 of t | (ii) Using any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance, as the Criminal Law Article, or other drug that is in excess of r without valid medical indication; |
| | state or country or con | Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other avicted or disciplined by a court of any other state or country for rounds for disciplinary action under this section; |
| 21 22 | (- / | Practices dietetics with an unauthorized person or supervises or aids n in the practice of dietetics; |
| 25 | required by law in the | [Willfully fails] FAILS to file or record any report or record as practice of dietetics, [willfully] impedes or obstructs the filing port or record, or induces another to fail to file or record the |
| 27 | (15) | Submits a false statement to collect a fee; |
| 28 | (16) | Is professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent; [or] |
| 29 30 | (17) exploit the patient for | Promotes the sale of devices, appliances, or goods to a patient so as to financial gain; OR |
| 31 32 | (18) BY THE BOARD. | FAILS TO COOPERATE WITH A LAWFUL INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED |

- 1 5-311.1.
- 2 (A) IF AFTER A HEARING UNDER § 5-312 OF THIS SUBTITLE THE BOARD FINDS
- 3 THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS UNDER § 5-311 OF THIS SUBTITLE TO SUSPEND OR
- 4 REVOKE A LICENSE, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000:
- 5 (1) INSTEAD OF SUSPENDING THE LICENSE; OR
- 6 (2) IN ADDITION TO SUSPENDING OR REVOKING THE LICENSE OR 7 REPRIMANDING THE LICENSEE.
- 8 (B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO SET STANDARDS FOR THE 9 IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES UNDER THIS SECTION.
- 10 (C) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY PENALTY COLLECTED UNDER THIS SECTION 11 INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.
- 12 5-312.
- 13 (a) Except as otherwise provided in § 10-226 of the State Government Article,
- 14 before the Board takes any action under § 5-311 of this subtitle, it shall give the
- 15 individual against whom the action is contemplated an opportunity for a hearing
- 16 before the Board.
- 17 (b) The Board shall give notice and hold the hearing in accordance with Title
- 18 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.
- 19 (c) [The] OVER THE SIGNATURE OF AN OFFICER OR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF
- 20 THE BOARD, THE Board may ISSUE SUBPOENAS AND administer oaths in connection
- 21 with any [proceeding under this section] INVESTIGATION UNDER THIS TITLE AND
- 22 ANY HEARINGS OR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE IT.
- 23 (D) IF, WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE, A PERSON DISOBEYS A SUBPOENA FROM
- 24 THE BOARD, AN ORDER BY THE BOARD TO TAKE ANY OATH OR TO TESTIFY, OR
- 25 ANSWER A QUESTION, THEN, ON PETITION OF THE BOARD, A COURT OF COMPETENT
- 26 JURISDICTION MAY PUNISH THE PERSON FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT.
- 27 (E) IF AFTER DUE NOTICE THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM THE ACTION IS
- 28 CONTEMPLATED FAILS OR REFUSES TO APPEAR, THE BOARD MAY HEAR AND
- 29 DETERMINE THE MATTER.
- 30 [(d)] (F) The hearing notice to be given to the individual shall be sent by
- 31 certified mail to the last known address of the individual at least 14 days before the
- 32 hearing.
- 33 [(e)] (G) The individual may be represented at the hearing by counsel.
- 34 [(f) (1) The Board may issue subpoenas in connection with any proceeding
- 35 under this section.

| | subsection, o subpoena.] | (2) on petition | If a person fails to comply with a subpoena issued under this of the Board, the circuit court may compel obedience to the |
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| 4 | 5-313. | | |
| | | any perso | s otherwise provided in this section for an action under § 5-311 of n aggrieved by a final decision of the Board in a contested case, inistrative Procedure Act, may: |
| 8 | | (1) | Appeal that decision to the Board of Review; and |
| 9 10 | Procedure A | (2) act. | Then take any further appeal allowed by the Administrative |
| | (b) of this subtit a direct judio | | Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Board under § 5-311 of appeal to the Secretary or the Board of Review but may take l. |
| 14 15 | | (2) nal decisi | The appeal shall be made pursuant to the provisions on judicial ons in Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article. |
| 16 | (C) | AN ORI | DER OF THE BOARD MAY NOT BE STAYED PENDING REVIEW |
| 17 | 5-314. | | |
| 18 19 | (a) that: | In this so | ction, "dietetic rehabilitation committee" means a committee |
| 20 | | (1) | Is defined in subsection (b) of this section; and |
| 21 | | (2) | Performs any of the functions listed in subsection (d) of this section. |
| | committee o | of the Boa | oses of this section, a dietetic rehabilitation committee is a rd or a committee OF AN ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING AN-NUTRITIONISTS THAT: |
| 25 | | (1) | [Composed equally of members of: |
| 26 | | | (i) The Maryland Dietetic Association; and |
| 27 | | | (ii) The American Nutritionists Association; |
| 28 | | (2) | Recognized] IS RECOGNIZED by the Board; and |
| 29 30 | dietitian-nut | [(3)] ritionists. | (2) [That includes] INCLUDES but is not limited to |
| 31 32 | SECTIO October 1, 2 | | D BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect |