

MARYLAND ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS



Date: January 31, 2023

Bill: Senate Bill 78 - Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting

Committee: Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Melony Griffith, Chair

Position: **SUPPORT with Amendment**

The Maryland Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics represents about 1200 Registered and Licensed Dietitians/Nutritionists in the state. MAND appreciates the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 78. Licensed Registered Dietitian/Nutritionists work in many different types of facilities from hospitals to schools, supermarkets to long term care facilities. Our mission is to educate the citizens of Maryland in the health implications of good nutrition with evidenced based information.

We write in support of Senate Bill 78 - Health Occupations – Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses – Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting.

We certainly have seen firsthand the shortage of healthcare workers especially during this pandemic. We also appreciate how those who serve us through military service must move often.

With this in mind, MAND would like to offer for the Committee’s consideration two clarifying amendments to SB 78 to help ensure we continue to give the best care to our citizens.

- On Page 4 add to the end of 2: “and the qualifications for issuance of such credentials are no less stringent than or at least substantially similar to those of this state.”
- In addition on page 4, VII B(1) add at the end of the paragraph, “as long as the applicant meets relevant qualifications of that Board for issuance of the license, certificate, registration or permit to practice that health occupation.”

We would be glad to answer any questions you may have about our amendments.

Thank you for your consideration,

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