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**Testimony in Support of House Bill 378: State Board of Dietetic Practice—Dietician-  
Nutritionists—Licensure Requirements**

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Good afternoon, Chair, Vice-Chair, and members of the Finance Committee. I'm Delegate Pam Guzzone representing Howard County's District 13 and I am here in support of House Bill 378 which alters the educational requirements to be licensed as a dietician.

The bill amends the statute to reflect name changes of both the dietetic and nutritionists' associations.

In addition, HB 378 will modify the State Board of Dietetic Practice's statute to reflect the updated requirements to sit for the national examination for dietitians.

Going forward the Commission on Dietetic Registration degree requirements will change from a baccalaureate degree to a graduate degree. As passed by the House, the bill included amendments to address concerns raised regarding already-licensed dietitians who do not have a graduate degree. In developing the amendments, the Board worked closely with the Maryland Academy of Nutritionists and Dietitians to ensure concerns about grandfathering were eliminated. With the amendments, the House passed Bill clearly delineates the updated requirements for licensure and I respectfully request a favorable report for HB 378.