
MARYLAND ACADEMY OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS



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Bill: Senate Bill 238 - State Board of Dietetic Practice – Sunset Extension

Committee: Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Pam Beidle, Chair

Position: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics (MAND) represents about 900 Registered and Licensed Dietitians/Nutritionists in the state. MAND appreciates the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 238. 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 238 which extends the operations of the State Board of Dietetic Practice until 2028. As professionals regulated by the Board, we see firsthand the benefit of the Board to the professionals they serve and the protection of the citizens of Maryland they provide.

The Board of Dietetic Practice helps to protect the public from harm by promoting quality health care in the field of dietetics by helping to establish the standards and verifying the credentials of those who practice in Maryland. Furthermore, they issue and maintain and maintain a roster of all licensed dietitian/nutritionists in Maryland and receive, investigate, and resolve complaints of alleged violators of regulators and statutes.

MAND believes the continuation of the Board of Dietetics Practice is extremely important for the reasons stated above and therefore we ask for a **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 238.

Thank you for your consideration,

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