



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Board of Dietetic Practice
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2024 SESSION POSITION PAPER

BILL NO: HB 378
COMMITTEE: HGO
POSITION: Support with Amendment

TITLE: State Board of Dietetic Practice – Dietician - Nutritionists – Licensure Requirements

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill, as written, would alter the licensure requirements for dietitians in Maryland in accordance with the requirements of the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: The State Board of Dietetic Practice (the “Board”) supports HB 378 with amendments.

As of January 1, 2024, the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR) degree requirement changed from a baccalaureate degree to a graduate degree. However, individuals who established eligibility for the registration examination for dietitians on or before December 31, 2023, or those who are already registered on or before December 31, 2023, will not be required by CDR to obtain a graduate degree. In addition, individuals eligible before the graduate degree requirement takes effect will not be required to take the examination before January 1, 2024. Accordingly, a minimum of a bachelor’s degree is required, and the CDR will determine whether an individual is required to obtain a bachelor’s degree or a master’s degree based on their eligibility criteria.

The Board requests the following 4 amendments:

Amendment 1

Page 2, line 11, following “Have received a...” insert “**MINIMUM OF A**”; strike brackets around “baccalaureate”; and strike “**MASTER’S**”

Amendment 2

Page 2, line 23, following “...proof of registration...” insert “**AS A DIETICIAN**”

Amendment 3

Page 3, line 2, strike “...to practice dietetics...” and insert “**AS A DIETICIAN**”

Amendment 4

Page 3, line 13, following “Became registered...” insert “**AS A DIETICIAN**”

Thank you for considering this testimony and the Board requests a favorable report on HB 378 with amendments. If you require additional information, please contact Marie Savage, Executive Director of the Maryland Board of Dietetic Practice at (410) 764-4741 or marie.savage@maryland.gov.

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