

CHAPTER 2015-125

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 951

An act relating to dietetics and nutrition; amending s. 468.503, F.S.; defining the term “commission”; revising definitions; amending s. 468.505, F.S.; authorizing certain certified individuals to use specified titles and designations; amending s. 468.509, F.S.; requiring the Board of Medicine to waive the examination requirement for specified applicants; amending s. 468.516, F.S.; providing that a licensed dietitian or nutritionist treating a patient who is under the active care of a licensed physician or licensed chiropractor is not precluded from ordering a therapeutic diet; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsections (3) through (11) of section 468.503, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (4) through (12), respectively, present subsections (4) and (11) are amended, and a new subsection (3) is added to that section, to read:

468.503 Definitions.—As used in this part:

(3) “Commission” means the Commission on Dietetic Registration, the credentialing agency of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

(5)(4) “Dietetics and nutrition practice” shall include assessing nutrition needs and status using appropriate data; recommending appropriate dietary regimens, nutrition support, and nutrient intake; ordering therapeutic diets; improving health status through nutrition research, counseling, and education; and developing, implementing, and managing nutrition care systems, which includes, but is not limited to, evaluating, modifying, and maintaining appropriate standards of high quality in food and nutrition care services.

(12)(11) “Registered dietitian” or “registered dietitian/nutritionist” means an individual registered with the commission on Dietetic Registration, the accrediting body of the American Dietetic Association.

Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 468.505, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.505 Exemptions; exceptions.—

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part, an individual registered by the commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association has the right to use the title “Registered Dietitian” or “Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist,” and the designation “R.D.” or “R.D.N.” An individual certified by the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists has the right to use the title “Certified Nutrition Specialist” and the designation “CNS” and an individual certified by the American Clinical

Board of Nutrition has the right to use the title “Diplomate of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition” and use the designation “DACBN.”

Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 468.509, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

468.509 Dietitian/nutritionist; requirements for licensure.—

(3) The board shall waive the examination requirement for an applicant who presents evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is:

(a) A registered dietitian or registered dietitian/nutritionist who is registered with the commission and complies with the qualifications under this section; or

(b) A certified nutrition specialist who is certified by the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists or who is a Diplomate of the American Clinical Board of Nutrition and complies with the qualifications under this section.

Section 4. Subsection (3) is added to section 468.516, Florida Statutes, to read:

468.516 Practice requirements.—

(3) This section does not preclude a licensed dietitian/nutritionist from independently ordering a therapeutic diet if otherwise authorized to order such a diet in this state.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2015.

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