

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
[TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED]

# HOUSE BILL NO. 811

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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### AN ACT

To repeal section 324.210, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to dietitians.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 324.210, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 324.210, to read as follows:

324.210. 1. An applicant for licensure as a dietitian shall be at least twenty-one years of age.

2. Each applicant shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

(1) The applicant has completed a didactic program in dietetics which is approved or accredited by the commission on accreditation for dietetics education and a minimum of a baccalaureate degree from an acceptable educational institution accredited by a regional accrediting body or accredited by an accrediting body which has been approved by the United States Department of Education. Applicants who have obtained their education outside of the United States and its territories must have their academic degrees validated as equivalent to the baccalaureate or master's degree conferred by a regionally accredited college or university in the United States. Validation of a foreign degree does not eliminate the need for a verification statement of completion of a didactic program in dietetics;

(2) The applicant has completed a supervised practice requirement from an institution that is certified by a nationally recognized professional organization as having a dietetics specialty or who meets criteria for dietetics education established by the committee. The committee may specify those professional organization certifications which are to be recognized and may set standards for education training and experience required for those without such specialty certification to become dietitians.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19           3. The applicant shall successfully pass an examination as determined by the committee  
20 **and possess a current registration with the Commission on Dietetic Registration.** The  
21 committee may waive the examination requirement and grant licensure to an applicant for a  
22 license as a dietitian who presents satisfactory evidence to the committee of current registration  
23 as a dietitian with the commission on dietetic registration.

24           4. Prior to July 1, 2000, a person may apply for licensure without examination and shall  
25 be exempt from the academic requirements of this section if the committee is satisfied that the  
26 applicant has a bachelor's degree in a program approved by the committee and has work  
27 experience approved by the committee.

28           5. The committee may determine the type of documentation needed to verify that an  
29 applicant meets the qualifications provided in subsection 3 of this section.

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