



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2007 Senate Bill 394

Senate Amendments 1 and 2

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Current law provides, with some exceptions, that a person who is not certified as a dietitian by the Dietitians Affiliated Credentialing Board may not claim to provide dietetic services, designate himself or herself as a dietitian, or use any title or initials that represent the person as certified or licensed as a dietitian or in a nutrition-related field.

2007 Senate Bill 394 requires, with some exceptions, that a person be licensed as a dietitian or nutritionist by the Dietetics and Nutrition Care Services Affiliated Credentialing Board (“board”) to practice dietetics and nutrition care services, designate himself or herself as a dietitian or nutritionist, or use certain titles or initials. The bill further provides that the board may grant a license to a person who no later than the first day of the 13th month beginning after the Act’s effective date provides sufficient evidence to the board that the person holds a valid certificate from the board or is currently registered as a registered dietitian with the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association (ADA). The Act generally takes effect on the day after publication.

Senate Amendment 1 provides that the board must grant a license: (a) no later than the first day of the 7th month beginning after this provision’s effective date, to a person who, on the Act’s effective date, held a valid certificate as a dietitian granted by the Dietitians Affiliated Credentialing Board; or (b) to a person who no later than the first day of the 13th month beginning after this provision’s effective date provides sufficient evidence to the board that the person was registered as a registered dietitian with the ADA’s Commission on Dietetic Registration on the Act’s effective date. The effective date of these provisions is the day after publication, and the effective date of the Act is the first day of the 7th month beginning after publication.

Senate Amendment 2 replaces “medical nutrition therapy” in the bill with “dietetic and nutrition therapy.”

Legislative History

Senate Amendment 1 was offered by Senator Carpenter. On February 7, 2008, the Senate Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care and Privacy introduced Senate Amendment 2 by unanimous consent. The committee then recommended adoption of Senate Amendments 1 and 2 on votes of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and passage of the bill, as amended, on a vote of Ayes, 4; Noes, 1.

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