

**ACT No. 415**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 579

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:3083(1)(f), relative to nutrition services; to authorize a licensed dietitian  
3 or nutritionist to directly order dietary plans; to authorize a licensed dietitian or  
4 nutritionist to directly request laboratory tests; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:3083(1)(f) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §3083. Definitions

8 As used in this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

9 (1) "Dietetics/nutrition practice" means the integration and application of  
10 principles derived from the sciences of nutrition, biochemistry, food, physiology,  
11 management, behavioral, and social sciences to achieve and maintain client health  
12 through the provision of nutrition care services, which shall include:

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14 (f) Within a healthcare facility licensed by the Department of Health and  
15 Hospitals, ordering appropriate nutritional intake, including enteral and parenteral

1         nutrition, and ordering appropriate laboratory tests to monitor the effectiveness of  
2         the dietary plan, subject to the approval of and authorization by the licensed  
3         healthcare facility's medical staff or bylaws.

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**ACT No. 417**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 595

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1223.3(3), relative to dietetics and nutrition practice; to  
3 authorize the use of telehealth technology to provide nutrition services; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1223.3(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1223.3. Definitions

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9 (3) "Healthcare provider" means a person, partnership, limited liability  
10 partnership, limited liability company, corporation, facility, or institution licensed  
11 or certified by this state to provide ~~health care~~ healthcare or professional services as  
12 a physician assistant, hospital, nursing home, dentist, registered nurse, advanced  
13 practice registered nurse, licensed dietitian or nutritionist, licensed practical nurse,  
14 certified nurse assistant, offshore health service provider, ambulance service,  
15 licensed midwife, pharmacist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, optometrist,  
16 podiatrist, chiropractor, physical therapist, occupational therapist, certified or  
17 licensed athletic trainer, psychologist, medical psychologist, social worker, licensed

1 professional counselor, licensed perfusionist, licensed respiratory therapist, licensed  
2 radiologic technologist, or licensed clinical laboratory scientist.

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**ACT No. 636**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 642

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact the heading of R.S. 37:3084, 3087(A), and 3089 and to repeal  
3 R.S. 37:3084(F), relative to the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and  
4 Nutrition; to repeal the domicile requirement; to provide for provisional licenses; to  
5 authorize the promulgation of licensing fees; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. The heading of R.S. 37:3084, 3087(A), and 3089 are hereby amended  
8 and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §3084. Louisiana State Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition; membership,  
10 terms, and vacancies; ~~domicile~~; officers; meetings; quorum; compensation

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12 §3087. Provisional license

13 A. The board may issue a provisional license to any ~~resident~~  
14 dietitian/nutritionist who presents evidence to the board of successful completion of  
15 the education requirements of R.S. 37:3086(C)(1) and (2) for licensure and who  
16 makes application for a provisional license upon the form and in the manner  
17 prescribed by the board, accompanied by applicable fees. A provisional license may  
18 be issued to such a person before he has taken the licensure examination prescribed  
19 by the board. A provisional license may be issued for a period not exceeding one  
20 year and may be renewed from year to year for a period not to exceed ~~five~~ two years  
21 upon payment of a fee and presentation of evidence satisfactory to the board that the

1 applicant is in the process of meeting the experience requirements in anticipation of  
2 taking the examination.

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4 §3089. Fees

5 ~~A. Fees to be paid under this Chapter shall be as follows:~~

- 6 ~~(1) Application fee. . . . . \$ 45.00~~
- 7 ~~(2) Initial license fee. . . . . 45.00~~
- 8 ~~(3) License renewal fee. . . . . 60.00~~
- 9 ~~(4) Provisional license fee. . . . . 50.00~~
- 10 ~~(5) Provisional license renewal fee. . . . . 30.00~~
- 11 ~~(6) Late renewal fee. . . . . 25.00~~
- 12 ~~(7) Reciprocity fee. . . . . 25.00~~
- 13 ~~(8) Duplicate license fee. . . . . 25.00~~

14 A.(1) The board shall establish a reasonable fee schedule for applications,  
15 renewal, or reissuance of any license, certificate, or registration, or for any other  
16 administrative function provided for in this Chapter; and the receipts from the  
17 payment of the fees shall be used to carry out the purposes of this Chapter. The fee  
18 schedule may be modified from time to time as deemed necessary by the board. The  
19 fees shall be established and payable by rule adopted in accordance with the  
20 Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq.

21 (2) The board is authorized to increase the fees in the fee schedule to not  
22 more than the following amounts:

- 23 (a) One hundred fifty dollars per application for licensure.
- 24 (b) One hundred dollars per renewal of any license, certificate, or  
25 registration.
- 26 (c) Fifty dollars per reissuance of any license, certificate, or registration.

27 ~~B. All fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall be paid~~  
28 ~~to the secretary-treasurer and used by the board to administer the provisions of this~~  
29 ~~Chapter. Such funds shall be subject to a periodic audit by the legislative auditor.~~

1           B. The fees established pursuant to this Section shall be paid to the  
2           secretary-treasurer of the board. The board shall retain all fees and other monies  
3           received by it. The funds may be expended by the board without appropriation for  
4           cost of administration and other expenses. Any funds remaining unexpended and  
5           unencumbered at the end of each fiscal year shall be retained by the board for  
6           expenditure in succeeding years and no part thereof shall revert to the state general  
7           fund.

8           Section 2. R.S. 37:3084(F) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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