

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health occupations; changing provisions on licensure of nutritionists;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148.624, subdivision 2; repealing
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148.627, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148.624, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Nutrition.** The board shall issue a license as a nutritionist to a person who
1.8 files a completed application, pays all required fees, and certifies and furnishes evidence
1.9 satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

1.10 (1) meets the following qualifications:

1.11 (i) has received a master's or doctoral degree from an accredited or approved college
1.12 or university with a major in human nutrition, public health nutrition, clinical nutrition,
1.13 nutrition education, community nutrition, or food and nutrition; and

1.14 (ii) has completed a documented supervised preprofessional practice experience
1.15 component in dietetic practice of not less than 900 hours under the supervision of a
1.16 registered dietitian, a state licensed nutrition professional, or an individual with a doctoral
1.17 degree conferred by a United States regionally accredited college or university with a
1.18 major course of study in human nutrition, nutrition education, food and nutrition, dietetics,
1.19 or food systems management. Supervised practice experience must be completed in the
1.20 United States or its territories. Supervisors who obtain their doctoral degree outside the
1.21 United States and its territories must have their degrees validated as equivalent to the
1.22 doctoral degree conferred by a United States regionally accredited college or university; or

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2.1 (2) has ~~qualified as a diplomate of the American Board of Nutrition, Springfield,~~
2.2 ~~Virginia~~ received certification as a Certified Nutrition Specialist by the Certification Board
2.3 for Nutrition Specialists.

2.4 Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

2.5 Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 148.627, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, are repealed.

148.627 TRANSITION PERIOD.

Subdivision 1. **Dietitians.** For one year after the effective date of rules adopted by the board under section 148.623, the board shall issue a license as a dietitian to an applicant who is a qualified dietitian as defined by the Division of Health Resources of the Department of Health and has practiced nutrition or dietetics in good standing for the equivalent of one year full time during the last five years.

Subd. 2. **Nutritionists.** For one year after the effective date of rules adopted by the board under section 148.623, the board shall issue a license as a nutritionist to an applicant who has received a qualifying master's or doctoral degree and has practiced nutrition or dietetics in good standing for the equivalent of one year during the last five years.

Subd. 3. **Clinical nutritionists.** For one year after the effective date of rules adopted by the board under section 148.623, the board shall issue a license as a nutritionist to an applicant who is a certified clinical nutritionist, certified by the International and American Association of Clinical Nutritionists who meets the standards for certification and recertification established by the Clinical Nutrition Certification Board and works in cooperation with a medical doctor.

Subd. 4. **Nutrition specialists.** For one year after the effective date of rules adopted by the board under section 148.623, the board shall issue a license as a nutritionist to an applicant who is a certified nutrition specialist, certified by the Board for Nutrition Specialists.

Subd. 5. **Notice.** Within 30 days of the effective date of the rules adopted by the board under section 148.623, the board shall:

- (1) notify dietitians and nutritionists of the existence of the rules by issuing notifications in dietitian and nutritionist trade publications;
- (2) notify all Minnesota educational institutions which grant degrees in majors which prepare individuals for dietetics or nutrition practice of the existence of the rules; and
- (3) provide copies of the rules upon request to interested individuals.