

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**SENATE BILL NO. 384**  
**91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Committee on Public Health and Welfare, March 15, 2001, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To repeal sections 324.212 and 324.217, RSMo 2000, relating to licensure of dietitians, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the same subject.

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

Section A. Sections 324.212 and 324.217, RSMo 2000, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 324.212 and 324.217, to read as follows:

324.212. 1. Applications for licensure as a dietitian shall be in writing, submitted to the committee on forms prescribed by the division and furnished to the applicant. The application shall contain the applicant's statements showing the applicant's education, experience and such other information as the committee may require. Each application shall contain a statement that it is made under oath or affirmation and that the information contained therein is true and correct to the best knowledge and belief of the applicant, subject to the penalties provided for the making of a false affidavit or declaration. Each application shall be accompanied by the fees required by the committee.

2. The division shall mail a renewal notice to the last known address of each licensee prior to the licensure renewal date. Failure to provide the committee with the information required for **[licensure] renewal**, or to pay the **[licensure] renewal** fee after such notice shall effect a noncurrent license. The license shall be **[restored] reinstated** if, within two years of the **[licensure] renewal** date, the applicant submits the required documentation and pays the applicable fees as approved by the committee.

3. A new **[certificate] license** to replace any **[certificate] license** lost, destroyed or

**EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

mutilated may be issued subject to the rules of the committee upon payment of a fee.

4. The committee shall set by rule the appropriate amount of fees authorized herein. The fees shall be set at a level to produce revenue which shall not exceed the cost and expense of administering the provisions of sections 324.200 to 324.225. All fees provided for in sections 324.200 to 324.225 shall be collected by the director who shall transmit the funds to the director of revenue to be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the "Dietitian Fund" which is hereby created.

5. The provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary notwithstanding, money in this fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of general revenue until the amount in the fund at the end of the biennium exceeds three times the amount of the appropriation from the dietitian fund for the preceding fiscal year. The amount, if any, in the fund which shall lapse is that amount in the fund which exceeds the appropriate multiple of the appropriations from the dietitian fund for the preceding fiscal year.

324.217. 1. The committee may refuse to issue any license or renew any license required by the provisions of sections 324.200 to 324.225 for one or any combination of reasons stated in subsection 2 of this section. The committee shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of the right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided in chapter 621, RSMo.

2. The committee may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided in chapter 621, RSMo, against the holder of any license required by sections 324.200 to 324.225 or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered the person's license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

(1) Use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation or bribery in securing a license issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 324.200 to 324.225 or in obtaining permission to take the examination required pursuant to sections 324.200 to 324.225;

(2) Impersonation of any person holding a license or allowing any person to use his or her license or diploma from any school;

(3) [Revocation or suspension of a license] **Disciplinary action against the holder of a license** or other right to practice medical nutrition therapy by another state, territory, federal agency or country upon grounds for which revocation or suspension is authorized in this state;

(4) [Obtaining] **Issuance of** a license based upon a material mistake of fact; [or]

(5) [Failure to display a valid license if so required by sections 324.200 to 324.225 or any rule promulgated pursuant thereto] **The person has been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution pursuant to the laws of any state or the United States for any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the professional who is regulated by sections 324.200 to 324.225, for any offense an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty or**

**act of violence, or for any offense involving moral turpitude, regardless of whether sentence is imposed;**

**(6) Incompetence, misconduct, gross negligence, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty in the performance of the functions or duties of the profession that is regulated by sections 324.200 to 324.225;**

**(7) Violation of, or assisting or enabling any person to violate, any provision of sections 324.200 to 324.225, or any lawful rule adopted pursuant to such sections;**

**(8) A person is finally adjudged insane or incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction;**

**(9) Use of any advertisement or solicitation that is false, misleading or deceptive to the general public or persons to whom the advertisement or solicitation is primarily directed;**

**(10) Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge, tuition or other compensation by fraud, deception or misrepresentation;**

**(11) Use or unlawful possession of any controlled substance, as defined in chapter 195, RSMo, or alcoholic beverage to an extent that such use impairs a person's ability to perform the work of any profession that is licensed or regulated by sections 324.200 to 324.225;**

**(12) Violation of the drug laws or rules and regulations of this state, any other state or the federal government; or**

**(13) Violation of any professional trust or confidence.**

3. Any person, organization, association or corporation who reports or provides information to the committee pursuant to the provisions of sections 324.200 to 324.225 and who does so in good faith shall not be subject to an action for civil damages as a result thereof.

4. After the filing of a complaint pursuant to subsection 2 of this section, the proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of chapter 621, RSMo. Upon a finding by the administrative hearing commission that the grounds, provided in subsection 2 of this section, for disciplinary action are met, the committee may, singly or in combination, censure or place the person named in the complaint on probation on such terms and conditions as the committee deems appropriate for a period not to exceed ~~[three]~~ **five** years, or **may suspend, for a period not to exceed three years, or** revoke the license of the person. **An individual whose license has been revoked shall wait one year from the date of revocation to apply for relicensure. Relicensure shall be at the discretion of the committee after compliance with all requirements of sections 324.200 to 324.225 relative to the licensing of an applicant for the first time.**

5. The committee shall maintain an information file containing each complaint filed with the committee relating to a holder of a license. [The committee, at least quarterly, shall notify the

complainant and holder of a license of the complaint's status until final disposition.]

6. The committee shall recommend for prosecution violations of sections 324.200 to 324.225 to an appropriate prosecuting or circuit attorney.

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