



Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

Date: June 12, 2025	3:01 PM	Author: CHENEVERT
Dept./Agy.: Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition		
Subject: Dietitian Licensure Compact		Analyst: Luis Galvan

DIETITIANS	EN INCREASE SG EX See Note	Page 1 of 1
Provides with respect to the profession of dietetics and dieticians		

Proposed law enacts the Dietitian Licensure Compact and authorizes licensed dietitians to obtain multi-state license privileges to practice in participating compact states. Proposed law creates a governing commission (Dietitian Licensure Compact Commission) responsible for rulemaking, coordination among member states, and oversight of data sharing and compliance. The compact enables eligible dietitians to practice across state lines under a compact privilege without obtaining a separate license in each state. Proposed law authorizes participating states to impose fees, conduct criminal background checks, and enforce professional discipline. The compact also provides provisions to support license portability for active-duty military members and their spouses. The compact becomes effective upon enactment by at least seven member states. Proposed law also clarifies the powers and duties of the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition and updates licensure qualifications to require fingerprint-based criminal background checks through state and federal agencies.

Note: There are nine states that have enacted legislation (Ohio, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Utah, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota), and 15 have pending legislation.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an increase in expenditures for the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition (LBEDN) associated with Louisiana's participation in the Dietitian Licensure Compact. The compact authorizes the Commission to levy an annual assessment to the Louisiana Board of Examiners to support its operations, though the commission has not yet been formed and no fee structure has been established. LBEDN may also incur future information technology costs depending on the technical specifications of the compact's centralized data platform, which has not yet been selected. These costs could include building or modifying internal systems and potentially acquiring new software to support data exchange, reporting functions, and integration. Additionally, participation in Compact Commission meetings is expected to require only minimal travel, as most meetings are anticipated to be virtual or hybrid.


LBEDN anticipates that existing staff can absorb any increased workload associated with the Dietitian Licensure Compact, including processing compact privilege applications from out-of-state dietitians, participating in the Compact Commission through an appointed delegate, complying with data-sharing requirements, reporting disciplinary actions and license status changes, and reviewing criminal background checks. LBEDN will also be responsible for enforcing Louisiana-specific practice standards for individuals exercising compact privileges within the state.

LBEDN is a quasi-state governmental entity and does not receive State General Fund appropriations. The agency operates entirely from self-generated revenues, primarily through licensing fees.

Note: The Louisiana Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information within the Office of State Police may charge the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition (LBEDN) a processing fee for conducting fingerprint-based background checks. LBEDN reports that these costs will be passed to applicants and will not affect the board's expenditures.

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable decrease in self-generated revenue for the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition (LBEDN). LBEDN reports that approximately 510 current licensees reside outside of Louisiana and may opt to obtain a compact privilege to practice in Louisiana rather than maintain a full Louisiana license. However, it is indeterminable at this time whether licensees will retain their full Louisiana licenses or instead opt for compact privileges.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1	>= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}	<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1)
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2	>= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}	<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G)
		>= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
		>= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


Patrice Thomas
Deputy Fiscal Officer