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S.B. No. 627

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the licensing and regulation of dietitians.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 701.151(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission or the department, as appropriate, shall:

(1) adopt and publish a code of ethics;

(2) establish the qualifications ~~[and fitness]~~ of applicants for licenses, including renewed and reciprocal licenses; and

(3) request and receive any necessary assistance from state educational institutions or other state agencies.

SECTION 2. Section 701.251(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Unless the person holds an appropriate license issued under this chapter, a person may not:

(1) use the title or represent or imply that the person has the title "licensed dietitian" ~~[or "provisional licensed dietitian"]~~ or use the letters "LD" ~~[or "PLD"]~~; or

(2) use a facsimile of that title ~~[those titles]~~ to indicate or imply that the person is a licensed dietitian ~~[or provisional licensed dietitian]~~.

SECTION 3. Section 701.304, Occupations Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2           Sec. 701.304. GROUND FOR REFUSING RENEWAL. The commission  
3 or department may refuse to renew the license of a person who fails  
4 to pay an administrative penalty imposed against the person under  
5 Subchapter F, Chapter 51 [~~X~~], unless enforcement of the penalty is  
6 stayed or a court has ordered that the administrative penalty is not  
7 owed.

8           SECTION 4. The following provisions of the Occupations Code  
9 are repealed:

- 10                   (1) Section 701.002(9);  
11                   (2) Section 701.1511; and  
12                   (3) Section 701.403.

13           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.