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I am in Support of this Bill and its intent.



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Support this legislation so those dietitians who have completed a didactic program in dietetics approved or accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics and a minimum of a baccalaureate degree may work with a temporary license under the supervision of a licensed dietitian prior to passing the exam. This temporary license will expire after no more than 180 days.



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HB 1666 provides an opportunity for newly graduated students with a dietetics degree to apply for jobs as they study for and take their registration exam. The current licensure bill does not provide for this and this gap in the licensure law has meant that new graduates must wait to apply for a job until they finish studying for and passing the registration exam. This delay has resulted in some Missouri graduates moving to other states where they can get temporary or provisional licensing. Hospitals in Missouri report that this gap in the current licensure bill is making it harder for them to fill open Registered Dietitian positions. Very obviously, if these graduates move to other states this move not only impacts the hospital systems but means that these Missouri university graduates are paying taxes, and spending money, in other states. Expediting this bill is important to the profession and Missouri residents. Thank You Connie Diekman, M,Ed., RD, LD, FADA, FAND Former President of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics



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I am in support of HB 1666 that provides a temporary license for new graduate dietitians to be able to work while studying for the registration exam. I work at Phelps Health in Rolla and we recently had to delay hire and ultimately were unable to hire d/t this issue.



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I am speaking in opposition to HB 1666 as it is written. I am a Registered Dietitian, Licensed in Missouri and in five (5) states in the mid-west. I have been practicing dietetics for over 35 years. I own a Dietetic Consulting practice that employees Registered Dietitians for Long Term Care, Public Health, Hospitals and Private Industry. I have held many professional positions for my profession. I've served as the President of the St. Louis Academy for Nutrition and Dietetics as well as the President of the Society for Healthcare Food Service Administrators. Additionally, I have served in many other appointed and elected positions for the St. Louis Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Missouri Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The allowance for "registry eligible", if considered, should only be intended for a new graduate awaiting a period to take the exam. Allowing multiple failures of a professional exam over a period of 180 days for four (4) attempts should not be an acceptable standard of practice. Furthermore, once the exam is failed, the candidate could seek other employment opportunities including positions in public health and long-term care, both of which are in dire need of dietetic paraprofessionals. Professional standards are, of course, the main consideration; however, this bill will pose liability and insurance concerns which are not addressed. Thank you for your consideration.