

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 0141H.01P
Bill No.: Perfected HB 397
Subject: Professional Registration and Licensing; Compacts; Health Care Professionals;
Licenses - Miscellaneous
Type: Original
Date: March 25, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal creates provisions relating to dietitians.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- ☐ Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Section 324.218 – Dietitian Licenses

Officials from the **Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI)** assume this proposal allows the State Committee of Dietitians to issue a nonrenewable temporary license to applicants who have not taken or passed an examination recognized by the Committee who meet the qualifications for licensure. This temporary license is good for 180 days or less if the temporary license employment is ceased.

The Committee of Dietitians believes it will be able to issue the temporary licenses without an additional FTE.

Temporary License Revenue

42 Estimated Temporary licenses (Annually)

\$20 Temporary license fee

FY 2027 Total - \$840

- Projected revenue reflects fees collected for all categories of licensure
- A 3% growth rate has been estimated
- It is estimated that the collection of initial license fees will begin in FY 2027.
- If the number of licensees largely vary from the number estimated above, the licensure fees will be adjusted accordingly

In summary, DCI assumes a cost of \$1,015 (Licensure System updates/Printing and Postage) in FY 2026, a revenue of \$756 (\$840 Temporary Licenses Issued - \$84 Printing and Postage) and \$776 in FY 2028 (\$860 Temporary Licenses Issued - \$84 Printing and Postage) as a result of the implementation of the changes in this proposal.

Oversight assumes the fiscal impact of this proposal would ultimately net to \$0 or be immaterial; therefore, Oversight will not reflect an impact in the fiscal note. Oversight assumes DCI could absorb the costs related to this proposal.

Section 324.1800

DCI assumes this section would make the Committee a member of the Dietitian Licensure Compact Commission. It is uncertain if the compact would be enacted in FY 26, FY 27 or FY 28. Once the compact is enacted the State Committee of Dietitians could be required to pay fees charged to member states. Costs are unknown.

Oversight notes in response to similar legislation from 2023 (SB 70) (the Counseling Interstate Compact), DCI estimated a cost of \$3,000 - \$6,000 in annual fees to participate in the compact if the compact were to be enacted.

Oversight assumes the fiscal impact of this proposal would ultimately net to \$0 or be immaterial; therefore, Oversight will not reflect an impact in the fiscal note. Oversight assumes DCI could absorb the costs related to this proposal.

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Administrative Hearing Commission** assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their organization. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

A direct fiscal impact to small businesses that employs dietitians would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill establishes the "Dietitian Licensure Compact", which is an interstate agreement that allows the practice of dietetics across state lines within other states that are a part of the Compact.

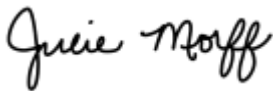
The bill outlines the licensing requirements, education requirements for the dietitians, and the duties of the member states. The bill further proposes to establish a joint government agency known as the "Dietitian Licensure Compact Commission", which will administer and enforce the Compact, adopt rules and bylaws, maintain a data system, investigate complaints, report complaints to home states of dietitians, and perform other functions necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of the Compact. Provisions of the bill ensure the Compact will not affect Missouri's license reciprocity laws.

This bill specifies that, a first time applicant who has not previously taken or passed an examination may obtain without examination a nonrenewable temporary license by paying a temporary license fee and submitting an agreement-to-supervise form that is signed by a licensed dietitian who has agreed to supervise the applicant. Such temporary licensee may practice dietetics, but any such practice must be under the supervision of a dietitian licensed in this State. The supervising dietitian must have an unencumbered license to practice and he or she cannot be an immediate family member of the temporary licensee. The temporary license obtained by an applicant will expire the date the licensee's employment with the supervising dietitian has ceased or within 180 days of its issuance, whichever occurs first.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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