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The ability to have access to provide care in other states would be a huge benefit for our clients. Our clients build strong relationships with us as care providers, and often have to move to be out of the state during their care. The current licensing restrictions makes this very difficult to offer the highest quality of care our client deserve. Joining the compact would help to ease the burden of care for many clients.



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This bill eases the burden for RDs practicing in multiple states, facilitates multistate practice and improves continuity of care when patients or providers relocate. It also helps reduce workforce shortages, which is beneficial now that we are seeing less new dietitians entering the field.



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I am writing in strong support of the Registered Dietitian Licensing Compact (RD Compact), which promises to have a transformative impact on the field of dietetics and the health of individuals across state lines. As a professional deeply committed to advancing nutrition care, I believe the RD Compact addresses several critical issues facing both practitioners and the public. First, the RD Compact significantly eases the burden on Registered Dietitians (RDs) who are practicing in multiple states. Currently, RDs must go through the time-consuming and expensive process of obtaining a separate license for each state they wish to practice in. This creates unnecessary barriers to care, especially for dietitians who may want to offer telehealth services or work with clients in different locations. The Compact streamlines this process by enabling RDs to practice in multiple states with a single, shared license, reducing administrative complexity and cost. Furthermore, the Compact facilitates multistate practice, allowing dietitians to expand their reach and provide services across state borders more easily. This is particularly crucial as health care becomes more integrated and technology-driven, with dietitians increasingly working with patients remotely. The ability to practice seamlessly across state lines strengthens the workforce and provides greater access to essential nutrition services, especially in underserved areas. One of the most compelling reasons for supporting the RD Compact is the improvement in continuity of care for both patients and providers when relocation occurs. Life changes, such as a move to a new state, can disrupt healthcare services. With the Compact in place, patients can continue seeing their trusted dietitian, and providers can maintain their practice without delays or the need to go through a new licensure process. This continuity ensures that individuals receive consistent care without interruptions, fostering better health outcomes. The Compact is also a vital resource for relocating military spouses, many of whom face challenges in maintaining their careers as they move from state to state. By allowing military spouses who are Registered Dietitians to easily transfer their licenses, the RD Compact supports these individuals in continuing to contribute to their communities while providing high-quality nutrition care. Finally, this Compact will play a key role in reducing workforce shortages within the dietetics field. With states facing a growing need for qualified healthcare providers, especially in rural and underserved areas, the RD Compact helps fill gaps in the workforce by making it easier for dietitians to practice in multiple states. This will help meet the increasing demand for nutrition services, ensuring that more individuals have access to the care they need. In conclusion, the Registered Dietitian Licensing Compact is a forward-thinking solution that will benefit both practitioners and patients alike. It will reduce administrative burdens, improve access to care, and support the continued growth of the dietetics workforce. I urge you to support this important initiative to advance healthcare, improve public health outcomes, and enhance the professional practice of Registered Dietitians.



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Eating disorders are one of the deadliest mental illnesses we treat as dietitians, and it is imperative that we continue to provide MNT services to this population and remove any barriers to care that may exist.



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I am in Support of this Bill and its intension of the Dietitians Compact. I do not understand why we are creating another "Governing Compact Commission," when this can be done by Staff in the Department of Professional Registration.



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The passing of this bill would benefit dietitians who are looking to practice in another state temporarily. It would also help new graduates gain employment and begin contributing to the workforce earlier without needing to wait until licensure was obtained. This would benefit both the dietetics profession and the healthcare system by initiating capable professionals into the workforce promptly and allowing credentialed RDs to see patients in other states quicker.



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My name is Caitlyn Pfeifer, and I am a Registered Dietitian living in Missouri. I am writing to express my strong support for The Dietitian Compact and Temporary License Bill (HB397), which will improve access to quality nutrition care and support the dietetics workforce. This bill includes two key provisions:

1. The Dietitian Compact, which allows RDs to practice in participating states without needing separate licenses, easing administrative burdens, supporting telehealth, and ensuring continuity of care when patients or providers move across state lines.
2. Temporary Licensure for New Graduates, enabling them to practice under supervision for up to six months before passing the RD exam. This helps address workforce shortages by allowing new professionals to contribute to patient care immediately.

HB397 will benefit patients and providers alike by:

- Reducing barriers for RDs practicing in multiple states
- Supporting military spouses facing frequent relocations
- Improving continuity of care for relocating patients
- Helping fill critical workforce gaps

I urge you to support HB397 to strengthen our nutrition workforce and improve patient access to essential care. Thank you for considering my testimony.



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I support the Dietitian Compact & Licensing Bill.



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I strongly support the Dietitian Compact and Temporary License bill, as it has the potential to provide uninterrupted care for my patients, even in a world where people are increasingly transient. With the ability to practice across state lines, I can continue to see patients while they travel or relocate, ensuring they maintain their trusted relationship with their nutrition counselor. For individuals struggling with eating disorders and mental health challenges, this continuity is critical to their recovery and wellbeing. The bill's provision for a temporary license for new graduates will also help address workforce shortages and give them the experience they need while awaiting their RD exam results. Additionally, the support for military spouses will help eliminate barriers to practice for those frequently relocating. This bill offers a crucial solution for improving care accessibility, continuity, and workforce mobility. I urge lawmakers to pass this important legislation.



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As a Registered Dietitian and a Former President of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics I am asking you to advance and support HB 397. This bill provides two factors to help Missourians have better access to evidence-based nutrition information. The bill helps create a Dietitian Licensure Compact which will allow Registered Dietitians to become licensed in the state as if they were Missouri residents. The Compact would make it easier for military spouses to get employment when their spouse moves to a new state without any delay. It would also allow for continuity of care if patients travel to other states or attend college out of state. The second aspect of this bill provides temporary licensure for new graduates. Dietetics majors cannot take the exam for registration until they have been certified as having completed all requirements for the degree. This process occurs, generally upon commencement but then graduates often take some time to study for the exam. This lag time means they cannot work in Missouri. Some of our neighboring states allow new graduates to work, even though they are not Registered. To protect Missourians, this bill would allow new graduates to work for a limited period of time, under the supervision of a Registered Dietitian while studying for, and passing the registration exam. Not only does this help new grads who want to be employed in Missouri stay here, it helps reach the growing number of people who need evidence-based nutrition education. Thank You



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I am a clinical dietitian working in an in-patient hospital setting. After some staffing changes, I was the only dietitian managing a 200 bed hospital and outpatient Oncology clinic. Typically, this is a 4 full FTE staffing situation with a PRN position. We had offers for help from dietitians from an outside facility in Arkansas that could have provided immediate relief. These dietitians had to apply for an additional licensure before they could help in this emergent situation. We had to wait 2 more weeks for assistance. These are dietitians that had already been vetted and cleared for practice in Arkansas. We also have a RD exam eligible graduate who could have also helped if she had a permit that allowed her to participate in patient care. This has put a strain on me as a dietitian and has greatly limited the amount of patients seen day to day. We were required to prioritize the most sick patients during this time. I see this bill as a way for staffing to improve in Missouri hospitals where RDs are relied on heavily and yet still understaffed.



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This is a great step forward in enhancing the services and improving the health of the community. Telehealth is a vital part of health care now, This compact license would allow dietitians to provide services in different states. I have an outpatient clinic here in St. Louis and we have many patients from Illinois that seek our services. We are not able to provide virtual visits with this population without an Illinois License. This is causing patients to travel longer distances to see us. This bill would provide the RD with full licensing to offer nutrition care in the neighboring states involved in the compact. This is a win win for all parties. The community has more choices and better opportunities to get the nutrition care they desire. This bill will also provide new graduates the opportunity to practice in their chosen field as they wait to secure their registration credential and to fill the many open RD positions that have been hard to fill. This allows the new graduate to get started in their field upon their graduation and allow them to hone their skills. This was in practice before RD licensing went into effect so it has been proven to be a great avenue to hire dietitians and guarantee that they are qualified to be hired in an RD position. I have been in the field for over 40 years and nutrition has been proven to be a vital part of health care and this bill is instrumental in providing that nutrition care throughout Missouri with an enhanced compact license and a built in path for new RDs to work. I encourage you to support this bill for the health of all of your constituents.



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With the significant increase in virtual support that Dietitians now offer this could help them reach the people that need help more easily, especially those clients that need to find Dietitians who take specific insurance.



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To Whom it May Concern: I am writing in support of the Dietitian Compact and Temporary License Bill (HB397). This bill creates an interstate compact where credentialed dietitians (RDs/RDNs) can practice in states where they are not licensed under a compact privilege. As many dietitians are now practicing telehealth to make services more accessible to patients/clients, this would ease the burden for Missouri dietitians who practice in multiple states. It would also improve continuity of care when patients or providers relocate and support relocating military spouses. This bill also offers a temporary license for new graduates in Missouri to practice under the supervision of a credentialed dietitian (RD/RDN) for up to six months prior to passing the RD exam. To become eligible for dietitian credentialing, students must first complete a rigorous program that includes a master’s degree plus 1000 hours of supervised learning – which are considered part of their education and are NOT paid. After graduation, there is typically a waiting period of at least 1 – 2 months before they are able to schedule their credentialing exam. This is due to waiting on transcripts and credentialing agency paperwork to process. Then, once they pass the exam they must wait again before they can practice because they cannot even apply for licensure until that time. Our current licensure law does not include a temporary practice licensing option for new graduates. This was an oversight – as many other professions have this. This means that our new graduates must wait to take on a paid position to do what they were trained to do during their supervised learning. Many have built up student debt and have financial responsibilities that are difficult to meet with a part time or hourly salary. This also means that healthcare employers who desperately need assistance are unable to hire them, which may delay timely care for patients in managing their conditions. In conclusion, I urge you to support the Dietitian Compact and Temporary License Bill (HB397) because it will increase access to nutrition care services and reduce workforce shortages. Sincerely, Dena French, EdD, RDN, LDAssociate Professor & Director of the Coordinated Program in Nutrition and Dietetics Fontbonne University St. Louis, MO



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Dietitians are desperately needed and new grad face serious barriers to becoming dietitians in Missouri. Every single person has to eat and what we eat seriously affects our health in the long run - dietitians dont just help after a diagnosis, we help PREVENT that diagnosis. I graduated in July 2023 and has to take a \$200 exam. After I passed that 2 hour 120+ question exam, I had to pay \$70 to actually recieve my credentials. That process took several days. Once I recieved my credentials, I had to pay \$50 to the Missouri department of licensure and wait another 1-2 weeks to recieve my license. Only then, after spending \$320 could I report to my dietitian position. I was a poor college student working every hour I could to save for the exam/fees while also studying 30-40 hours per week to prepare for an exam that could ask anything from the 12 semesters of University that I had just finished. I was so stressed and KNEW that 1/2 of my classmates had decided to move out of state donthat they could start their jobs BEFORE paying all of those fees. They were able to practice under the supervision of experience and make \$15-\$20 per hour MORE than I did at my minimum wage college job. Those states got more dietitians becuae they allowed a better start to my classmates' careers. Missouri can keep for tax-paying, citizen-benefiting dietitians in the state. This bill will also allow more dietitians to come to our amazing state to share their expertice. The online dietitian sites that I frequent indicate that dietitians are nore likely to move to states with this compact than other states that do not. Please help your citizens by passing this billca



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Please support HB397 to create an interstate compact, where RDs can practice in states where they are not licensed under a compact privilege and will offer a temporary license for new graduates to practice under the supervision of an RD for up to six months prior to passing the RD exam



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Registered Dietitians pass a national registration exam and maintain 75 hours of continuing education every 5 years. By the CDR (the organization who maintains registration status), we are held to the highest standards of ethics, diversity, inclusion, and treating all with respect and dignity while providing evidence-based nutrition medical nutrition therapy and guidance. Licensing and certifications by each state is a time-consuming additional requirement that does not hold dietitians to any different level of continuing education or professional liability than we are already held to. It is an additional cost occurred by dietitians as well to maintain in order to practice in each state. It is no different than what we are already doing, just costing us additional time and monies to do exactly the same job we are doing. With the advancement of technology, telehealth, and remote work, the License Compact would give dietitians an opportunity to work and grow professionally without sacrificing any ethics or qualifications of being a dietitian. It would show support to our profession that we are trusted health professionals with a specialty in nutrition, health, and wellness. I am asking you to please pass the Dietitian Compact and Temporary License Bill.



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The Dietitian Compact and Temporary License Bill (HB397) Highlights of the bill:Creates an interstate compact, where RDs can practice in states where they are not licensed under a compact privilege.Offers a temporary license for new graduates to practice under the supervision of an RD for up to six months prior to passing the RD exam Benefits:Easing the burden for RDs practicing in multiple statesFacilitates multistate practiceImproves continuity of care when patients or providers relocateSupports relocating military spousesReduces workforce shortages



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I am in support of The Dietitian Compact and Temporary License Bill (HB397) to hopefully assist in decreasing treatment deserts and with increasing the dietitians role in a patient's care.



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As a registered dietitian in the state of Missouri and a business owner in St. Louis, approving this bill to add an interstate compact would benefit both my business and my clients. Currently, when I have adolescents going to college or on a vacation the law dictates that they need to sever care with me, their eating disorder provider, and find new care or go without for a period of time that may not be beneficial to their recovery. It causes significant barriers to care and makes it more difficult to provide adequate and appropriate support. As a business, having more access to clients who may be located in areas without adequate providers would help me to support more people and grow my business.



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Dietitians are traditionally undervalued with many barriers to practice. This bill would allow us to reduce overall barriers to see more clients and bring preventative health care to more people throughout the country. This would also assist us with the price and labor of having to pursue multiple licenses (licenses take approx. 8 hours to complete each).



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Would improve healthcare access to patients that can work with remote dietitians across America.



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To the Professional Registration and Licensing Committee in reference to HB 397: Hello, I am a Missourian, Registered Dietitian, educator, and health advocate. I am writing to testify in strong support of Missouri House Bill 397, a bill that represents a significant step forward in ensuring access to quality dietetics care for all Missourians while also creating a streamlined, cooperative framework for interstate dietetics practice. HB 397 addresses healthcare gaps by expanding access to licensed dietitians, especially in rural and underserved areas. It allows qualified dietitians to practice across state lines, reducing administrative burdens while maintaining rigorous professional standards. RDNs play a critical role in healthcare through Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT)—the evidence-based treatment of medical conditions like diabetes and heart disease. This is distinct from general nutrition education, which provides non-medical dietary guidance. Only RDNs are trained and licensed to deliver MNT, ensuring safe, effective care.

Key Benefits for Missourians

Improved Access to Care: Many areas in Missouri, especially rural regions, experience a shortage of healthcare providers, including dietitians. HB 397 removes geographic and administrative barriers by allowing dietitians licensed in other states to practice in Missouri. This expands the pool of qualified providers available to Missourians.

Support for Military Families: Active-duty military members and their spouses often face challenges when relocating due to state-specific licensing requirements. By eliminating the need for multiple licenses, this bill ensures a smoother transition for military families, allowing dietitians to continue their practice without interruption.

Efficiency and Cost Savings: Dietitians will no longer need to apply and pay for multiple licenses, reducing costs for practitioners. This savings can be passed down to patients, making care more affordable for Missourians.

Enhanced Patient Safety: Through increased information-sharing between member states, HB 397 ensures that disciplinary actions, investigations, and other licensure details are readily available. This transparency protects the public by identifying and addressing potential risks quickly and effectively.

Some opposition to HB 397 may argue that allowing dietitians to practice across state lines without obtaining a Missouri-specific license could lead to lower accountability or compromise patient safety. However, this concern is misplaced for the following reasons:

Uniform Standards Protect Patients: The bill requires dietitians to meet uniform licensure requirements, ensuring that only qualified professionals are allowed to practice in Missouri. Member states work together to uphold these standards, making this process even more robust than the current fragmented system.

Accountability Remains Intact: HB 397 explicitly vests member states with the authority to hold dietitians accountable to the laws of the state where the patient is located. This ensures that practitioners comply with Missouri's regulations and standards, regardless of where they hold their primary license.

Streamlining Does Not Mean Deregulation: Opponents may mistakenly view this bill as a way to deregulate the profession. On the contrary, it enhances oversight by promoting collaboration and information-sharing between states, creating a safer and more effective regulatory environment.

Missouri HB 397 is a forward-thinking solution to

modern challenges in healthcare delivery. It balances the need for greater access to dietetics services with robust protections for public safety. This bill ensures that Missourians, no matter where they live, can receive the care they need from qualified professionals. I urge this committee to support HB 397 for the health and well-being of Missourians, our military families, and the future of dietetics care. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I welcome any questions you may have. Sincerely, Jaime Gnau, MS, RDN, LD, CHES



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Hello, Please consider the importance of this bill it will create an interstate compact, where RDs can practice in states where they are not licensed under a compact privilege. Benefits include: Easing the burden for RDs practicing in multiple states, Facilitates multistate practice, Improves continuity of care when patients or providers relocate, Supports relocating military spouses, and reduces workforce shortages Thank you so much for your consideration.



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Please support HB 397, as it will create an interstate compact to allow RDs to practice in multiple states through one vetting process. HB 397 will allow relocated military spouses to practice without cumbersome and time-(and money)consuming paperwork. It will also offer a temporary license for new graduates to practice under the supervision of an RD for after six months prior to passing the national registry exam (allowing them to begin paying off student loans).



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I, Jessica Humphries, MS, RDN, LDN, CDCES am in support of The Dietitian Compact and Temporary License Bill (HB397). As a military spouse and one that owns their own practice, this Compact License would allow for seamless transitions between jobs in a variety of states and while seeing clients/patients through telehealth practices.



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I am writing to support The Dietitian Compact and Temporary License Bill (HB397) . This bill provides the following benefits for registered dietitians:-Eases the burden for registered dietitians practicing in multiple states-Facilitates multi-state practice-Improves continuity of care when patients or providers relocate-Supports relocating military spouses-Reduces workforce shortages



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This bill would ease the burden for RDs practicing in multiple states, would improve continuity of care when patients or providers relocate, support relocating military spouses, and reduce workforce shortages.



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This is essential to RDs practicing in both missouri and Illinois to allow better coverage for patients, continuity of care.This also is essential to helping staffing for RDs and bridging the gap between new graduates and passing their exam.



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As a RD working in the clinical setting, allowing a temporary license for new graduates to practice under the supervision of an RD would be greatly beneficial to decrease workforce shortage, which by hospital has been experiencing for greater than one year.



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My name is Laurie Sax, RDN LD, and I am a dietitian practicing full-time in telemedicine from my home in Saint Louis, Missouri. I am testifying in support of House Bill 397, which would establish a licensure compact for dietitians. This bill is crucial for advancing the work of dietitians across the state and for ensuring that Missourians receive high-quality care. A dietitian licensure compact would remove a major barrier for dietitians from other states, allowing them to provide expert care to Missouri residents while still preserving state sovereignty. It would also enhance employment opportunities for dietitians already working in Missouri by streamlining the licensure process. Currently, I hold licenses in seven states, each with its own set of renewal procedures, continuing education requirements, and fees. This creates a significant administrative and financial burden. A licensure compact would simplify this process, allowing me and others to focus more on providing care and less on navigating multiple licensure systems. I urge you to support House Bill 397 and help dietitians join the fifteen other licensed professionals that already have compacts in place.



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Hello, My name is Logan Bradley and I wanted to start off by saying I truly wish I could be there in person to attest for the importance of this house bill 397. It is something I am quite passionate about and hope my story can provide insight on this. I am a recent graduate from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a proud Mizzou Tiger. When I graduated with my Masters in May 2024, I was so excited to use my many years of college education to give back to the state of Missouri and my local community in the field of nutrition and health. However what should have been one of the best moments of my life became one of the most financially stressful as I quickly realized I could not work or support myself with my newly earned degree. Under the current legislation, dietitians cannot practice until they are registered and licensed in the state of Missouri. This causes a issue with new grads like me who have done all the work for the degree however need to sit for a scheduled exam that has very limited time slots and wait for the licensure committee to approve your application. This is a unacceptable process that leaves many newly graduated masters student without the ability to work or make a living for a prolonged period of time. Approval of HB 397 would resolve this problem with ability for graduated students to practice under while being supervised by a RD. While I know the passing of this bill won't change the past, I hope my story can help prevent other students who worked so hard for many years to obtain a masters degree to be faced with unfortunate burden of unemployment and "uselessness" of their degree. Thank you so much for taking the time to hear my story today and I hope it gives you a better understanding how impactful this bill can be. Sincerely Logan Bradley, MS, RDN, LD



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I am in support of HB 397. This will improve access to dietitians for MO residents and make it easier for our military spouses travelling to MO to work.



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As a registered dietitian working and living in Missouri, where I have lived since the age of five, this bill would significantly assist the public, my clients, and myself. I often work with clients who, for various reasons, find themselves outside of Missouri, sometimes for long stretches of time. Finding a new dietitian to work with in their area wastes their time because they have to re-explain what they are seeking to work on with a dietitian. This time (and effort) would be saved if they could continue with the same provider, who already knows their history, values, and story. My competency does not change based on a state's border - I'm still a nationally-registered dietitian with over 10 years of experience, I still complete continuing education regularly to ensure I stay up with the latest developments, and I still care deeply about the people I serve. Having an interstate licensure compact would allow me to continue to do the important work I do - sharing easy-to-understand nutrition information that helps people make informed decisions about changes they can make to improve their health - with fewer barriers.



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This will be a huge help to allow those living anywhere in the country to receive help from hard-working Missouri dietitians. By allowing us to easily get licensure in other states (particularly near by states such as IL) we can spread our reach and help Americans get healthy again. And, our new grads can start working immediately after graduation (under supervision) while they study for their exams!



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As a Clinical Nutrition Manager for a pediatric academic hospital in St. Louis, I am in support of HB397. In order to recruit the top dietitians for a pediatric setting is it important to be able to allow non-licensed dietitians (under licensed supervision) to get started with training and providing patient care. We have excellent relationships with our dietetic internships and often have identified job candidates as they are finishing their formal training. We would be very appreciative to hire them post internship and not have the situation that current occurs that they must job seek since they are not licensed as dietitians. The training during this time is valuable beyond words. The new dietitian is benefiting from being able to stay in our employment while completing the last steps to becoming a lifelong dietitian. In addition, having a compact licensing agreement allows myself and my advance skilled dietitians to provide medical nutrition therapy across state lines. Our patients come from all areas of the country and we want to provide a continuum of care for their special needs. Many of our patients and families may not receive nutritional care with a dietitian due to being in a rural area or in a state with minimal advanced pediatric experts. Our ultimate goal is to provide the best care with the experts (who are licensed) with minimal barriers to our patients and families. Thank you for this work and consideration on the bill, Marsha Flowers, MHS, RD, LD



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Dear Committee Members, The state of Missouri has a unique opportunity to lead the nation by enacting the Dietitian Licensure Compact with passage of HB 397. The Dietitian Licensure Compact, developed in collaboration with the Department of Defense, Council of State Governments, and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, provides licensees with opportunities for multistate practice, increases mobility for individuals who are relocating (e.g., military personnel, military spouses and families), improves public safety, and promotes workforce development by reducing unnecessary licensure burdens. The Dietitian Licensure Compact has already been enacted in Nebraska, Alabama, Tennessee, and Ohio. With the goal of securing passage in a majority of states this session, additional states are expected to introduce the Compact, with at least 20 filings anticipated. The benefits to our state participating in the Dietitian Licensure Compact include reduced administrative burden and increased efficiency; participation in a shared compact information system that supports the facilitation of licensure and discipline information; increased cooperation across state licensure boards, specifically during investigations and disputes; and importantly, it would allow our state to retain jurisdiction over licensees practicing in the state. In addition, passing the Dietitian Licensure Compact would positively impact Missouri's economy. It would promote healthcare workforce development, especially in rural areas; expand employment opportunities for dietitians into new markets; attract dietetic students and practitioners; and reduce the healthcare expenditures of our citizens via expanded patient access and continuity of care with a dietitian. I encourage you to pass HB 397 out of Committee. Thank you for your consideration.



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It allows continuity of care for us dietitians working with established patients who move. It also benefits us to allow dietetic graduates to practice under RD supervision rather than waiting for exam/licensure because it helps improve staffing shortages especially if they can go from internship into working in an open position.



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I work as a Dietetic Coordinator for Bellefontaine Habilitation Center in St. Louis, MO. I support this bill because it will certainly help my facility during this shortage to allow dietitians a temporary license. This will allow the dietitian on the job experience and additional training under another qualified dietitian. Also, at the same time it will take the stress off other dietitians who are overworked due to excessive work loads



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Benefits:Easing the burden for RDs practicing in multiple statesFacilitates multistate practiceImproves continuity of care when patients or providers relocateSupports relocating military spousesReduces workforce shortages



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I am a practicing telehealth dietitian located in Missouri and have licenses in other states including Louisiana. Due to the rules of all the states it is impossible to serve as many patients as are needed due to the cost and time burden to become licensed in individual states. We can help Americans be healthier if they have access to more dietitians and it starts with reducing the barrier we have as practitioners with licensure laws. Please pass this bill.



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As a Spring 2024 graduate who has felt the burden and pressure to pass the RD exam for financial and personal reasons, I support The Dietitian Compact and Temporary License Bill (HB397). This temporary license will give new graduates the opportunity to continue to gain those critical thinking skills necessary to pass the test by continuing to have those hands-on experience. Which I would like to highlight is the core of the field. Since July I have spent \$1,000 dollars alone just to take this test, not including the study materials I have purchased. The statistics for the pass rate of the RD exam shows a need for more hands-on experience and exposure to the field. Graduates are our future and without successful completion of the test or provisional licensures there will continue to be a gap and burden placed on current Registered Dietitians. Thank you for taking the time to consider my reason.



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I am in support of HB 397 to help ease the burden of RDs practicing in multiple states and reduce workplace shortages.



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I support the Compact for Missouri Dietitians because it enhances access to care, reduces barriers for dietitians, and strengthens our profession. By allowing RDs to practice across state lines with a compact privilege, this bill makes it easier for dietitians to provide care in multiple states, ensuring continuity for patients who move or seek virtual services. The temporary license for new graduates also helps bridge workforce gaps by allowing supervised practice while awaiting exam results. This compact is a crucial step in addressing workforce shortages, supporting military families, and expanding access to quality nutrition care.



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I support this bill and increasing access of care for individuals working with a registered dietitian.



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As a practicing dietitian, I fully support HB 397 to encourage the ability of RD to practice in states outside of their licensure for a specified period of time. This would improve access to dietitians, ultimately increasing a populations health. Licensure approval can be a grueling and drawn out process, limiting the ability of men and women who are seeking new jobs as dietitians. Allowing practice before a full licensure can be granted in a second location would be a huge win for our field. This bill would also allow newly graduated individuals to start working before passing the RD exam. During our internships, many of us are working as staff relief - taking on a full patient load at a hospital or medical institution. All notes/patient interactions between graduation and licensure/registration would still be reviewed by a licensed provider. This also reduces the barriers for new graduates to find work, while increasing access to RDs.



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I support The Dietitian Compact and Temporary License Bill (HB397). Passing the bill will: Ease the burden for RDs practicing in multiple statesFacilitate multistate practiceImprove continuity of care when patients or providers relocateSupport relocating military spousesReduce workforce shortages



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to allow for dietitians to be able to practice across state lines- when pt moves or RDN, military RDN moves allow to practice. Students able to develop skills while studying for RDN national exam.



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My name is Teresa Kurth and I am in support of this bill, HB397. Here are some benefits of this bill:
Easing the burden for RDs practicing in multiple statesFacilitates multistate practiceImproves continuity of care when patients or providers relocateSupports relocating military spousesReduces workforce shortagesAs a military spouse myself, I am moving around every few years. This compact would help me continue to work with my clients when I do need to move again and allow me to have better access to get licensure in the new state I will live in. Having to constantly get new licensure in each state is a burden financially among other challenges. Thank you for your consideration.



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The Dietitian Compact and Temporary License Bill is a bill that can support both dietitians and patients alike. The growing interest in nutrition and the demand for nutrition practitioners opens the door for primarily unlicensed "nutritionists" with less schooling and no credentials to be the main source of nutrition information and services across states. By passing this bill, this allows registered and licensed dietitians to enter the competition, be a source of reputable care, and be able to serve more patients in need of nutrition services. It widens the job opportunities for new and seasoned dietitians. Finally, this bill will reduce the financial burden for RDs practicing in multiple states and provide more continuity of care in the case of relocation.



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As a practicing dietitian in Missouri, I strongly oppose the current language in the proposed Dietitian Licensure Compact. Specifically, Section 4(A)(1)(b) permits foreign-trained dietitians from (foreign) programs accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND), or other agencies, to obtain compact licensure. However, it does not mandate verification of U.S. citizenship, lawful permanent residency, or employment authorization in accordance with federal work eligibility standards. This provision creates a loophole that appears to align with the agenda of a professional trade association, the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics (AND), and ACEND's initiatives to accredit international programs and attract foreign candidates to U.S.-based dietetic internships and/or dietetic programs. ACEND accredits over 500 programs, including those in select countries internationally, which are expanding under ACEND. Graduates from these foreign dietitian education (ACEND accredited) programs are eligible to apply to ACEND-accredited dietetic internships in the U.S. to complete supervised practice, thereby becoming eligible to sit for the Commission on Dietetic Registration's (CDR) credentialing exam. By allowing foreign-trained individuals to obtain compact licensure without ensuring compliance with U.S. labor laws, the compact may deliberately prioritize the expansion of ACEND-accredited programs over workforce protections for U.S. dietitians. This omission appears intentional, as Rayane AbuSabha, the Executive Director of ACEND, has stated in interviews that her goal is to facilitate licensure for foreign-trained individuals (who complete an ACEND-accredited program) who lack U.S. work authorization; where licensure attainment by these individuals was identified as a barrier and problematic by ACEND. This provision is also inconsistent with other professional licensure compacts, such as those for nursing and physical therapy, which require verification of legal work status in the U.S. The absence of such a requirement in the Dietitian Licensure Compact creates a loophole that allows foreign-trained candidates to bypass federal and state employment protections, potentially displacing qualified U.S. dietitians in the job market. I urge Missouri to reject the compact in its current form and to revise it to ensure that licensure eligibility aligns with federal and state employment regulations. This alignment would maintain consistency with other licensure compacts and uphold U.S. labor law requirements, thereby protecting the interests of domestic dietitians and the integrity of the profession.