CHAPTER 152A
DIETETICS

152A.1 Definitions.
As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
1. “Board” means the board of dietetics created under chapter 147.
2. “Licensed dietitian” or “dietitian” means a person who holds a valid license to practice
   dietetics pursuant to this chapter.

152A.2 License requirements.
1. An applicant shall be issued a license to practice dietetics by the board when the
   applicant satisfies all of the following:
   a. Possesses a baccalaureate degree or postbaccalaureate degree with a major course of
      study in human nutrition, food and nutrition, dietetics, or food systems management, or
      in an equivalent major course of study which meets minimum academic requirements as
      established by the accreditation council for education in nutrition and dietetics of the academy
      of nutrition and dietetics and approved by the board.
   b. Completes an accredited competency-based supervised experience program approved by
      the accreditation council for education in nutrition and dietetics of the academy of nutrition
      and dietetics and approved by the board.
   c. Satisfactorily completes the commission on dietetic registration of the academy of
      nutrition and dietetics examination approved by the board.
2. Renewal of a license granted under this chapter shall not be approved unless the
   applicant has satisfactorily completed the continuing education requirements for the license
   as prescribed by the board.
   85 Acts, ch 168, §9; 2014 Acts, ch 1006, §1

152A.3 Exemptions.
The following are not subject to this chapter:
1. Licensed physicians and surgeons, nurses, chiropractors, dentists, dental hygienists,
   pharmacists or physical therapists who make dietetic or nutritional assessments, or give
   dietetic or nutritional advice in the normal practice of their profession or as otherwise
   authorized by law.
2. Dietetics students who engage in clinical practice under the supervision of a dietitian as
   part of a dietetic education program or a competency-based supervised experience program
   approved by the accreditation council for education in nutrition and dietetics of the academy
   of nutrition and dietetics.
3. Dietitians who serve in the armed forces or the public health service of the United States
   or are employed by the United States department of veterans affairs, provided their practice
   is limited to that service or employment.
4. Dietitians who are licensed in another state, United States possession, or country, or
   have received at least a baccalaureate degree and are in this state for the purpose of:
   a. Consultation, provided the practice in this state is limited to consultation.
   b. Conducting a teaching clinical demonstration in connection with a program of basic
      clinical education, graduate education, or postgraduate education which is sponsored by a
      dietetic education program or a competency-based supervised experience program approved
      by the accreditation council for education in nutrition and dietetics of the academy of nutrition
      and dietetics.
5. Individuals who do not call themselves dietitians but routinely, in the course of doing business, market or distribute weight loss programs or sell nutritional products and provide explanations for customers regarding the use of the programs or products relative to normal nutritional needs.

6. Individuals who provide routine education and advice regarding normal nutritional requirements and sources of nutrients, including, but not limited to, persons who provide information as to the use and sale of food and food materials including dietary supplements.

85 Acts, ch 168, §10; 2009 Acts, ch 26, §9; 2014 Acts, ch 1006, §2, 3