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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1185

TO ADOPT THE DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT IN ARKANSAS.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1185

Amend House Bill 1185 as originally introduced:

Page 27, delete line 8, and substitute the following:

"Licensure Compact Commission for those rules to be effective in this state."

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-83-303 is amended to read as follows:

17-83-303. Qualifications for licenses.

(a) The Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board may issue a license as licensed dietitian to an applicant who qualifies as follows:

(1) The applicant files an application and has:

(A) Received a baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited United States college or university with a program in human nutrition, food and nutrition, dietetics, or food systems management. Applicants who have obtained their education outside of the United States and its territories must have their academic degree or degrees validated as equivalent to the baccalaureate or postbaccalaureate degree conferred by a regionally accredited college or university in the United States;

(B) Completed a planned, continuous preprofessional experience component in dietetic practice of not fewer than nine hundred (900) hours under the supervision of a registered dietitian or licensed dietitian; and

(C) Passed an examination as defined by the board; or

(2) The applicant files an application and provides evidence of current registration as a registered dietitian by the Commission on Dietetic



Registration.

(b) If the applicant indicates that he or she intends to participate in the Dietitian Licensure Compact, the applicant shall apply for a criminal background check and meet the qualifications for issuance of a license under § 17-83-309.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 83, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-83-309. Criminal background checks.

(a) Each applicant or licensee for a license issued by the Arkansas Dietetics Licensing Board under the Dietitian Licensure Compact is required to apply for a state and national criminal background check, to be conducted by the Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

(b) The criminal background check shall conform to the applicable federal standards and shall include the taking of fingerprints.

(c) The applicant or licensee shall sign a release of information to the board and shall be responsible for the payment of any fee associated with the criminal background check.

(d) Upon completion of the criminal background check, the Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police shall forward to the board all releasable information obtained concerning the applicant or licensee.

(e) For purposes of this section, the board shall follow the licensing restrictions based on criminal records under § 17-3-102.

(f)(1) Information received by the board from the Identification Bureau of the Division of Arkansas State Police under this section shall not be available for examination except by the affected applicant or licensee for licensure or his or her authorized representative or the person whose license is subject to revocation or his or her authorized representative.

(2) A record, file, or document shall not be removed from the custody of the Division of Arkansas State Police.

(g) Information made available to the affected applicant or licensee for licensure or the person whose license is subject to revocation shall be information pertaining to that person only.

(h) Rights of privilege and confidentiality established in this

section do not extend to any document created for purposes other than the criminal background check under the Dietitian Licensure Compact.

(i) The board shall adopt the necessary rules to fully implement the provisions of this section."

The Amendment was read _____
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