

HB 2706 -- DIETITIANS

SPONSOR: Bernskoetter

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Health and Mental Health Policy by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill modifies the Dietitian Practice Act to update the terminology for the national organization name change from the "American Dietetic Association" to the "Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics." The bill also updates the accrediting agency name from the "Commission on Accreditation for Dietetics Education" to the "Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics." The definitions for "medical nutrition therapy" and "registered dietitian" are modified by adding registered dietitian nutritionists to the definitions.

Additionally, any person who holds a license to practice dietetics may use the abbreviation L.D.N.

This bill is the same as SB 840 (2018).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill says that it will update the language of our statutes to reflect changes made to the national organization and accrediting agency and to bring the license name in line with modern designation.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Rowden and the Missouri Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.