

ACT No. 415

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 579

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:3083(1)(f), relative to nutrition services; to authorize a licensed dietitian
3 or nutritionist to directly order dietary plans; to authorize a licensed dietitian or
4 nutritionist to directly request laboratory tests; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:3083(1)(f) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §3083. Definitions

8 As used in this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

9 (1) "Dietetics/nutrition practice" means the integration and application of
10 principles derived from the sciences of nutrition, biochemistry, food, physiology,
11 management, behavioral, and social sciences to achieve and maintain client health
12 through the provision of nutrition care services, which shall include:

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14 (f) Within a healthcare facility licensed by the Department of Health and
15 Hospitals, ordering appropriate nutritional intake, including enteral and parenteral

1 nutrition, and ordering appropriate laboratory tests to monitor the effectiveness of
2 the dietary plan, subject to the approval of and authorization by the licensed
3 healthcare facility's medical staff or bylaws.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____