

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 595

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

DIETITIANS: Provides relative to the delivery of nutrition services through telehealth

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1223.3(3), relative to dietetics and nutrition practice; to  
3 authorize the use of telehealth technology to provide nutrition services; and to  
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1223.3(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1223.3. Definitions

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9 (3) "Healthcare provider" means a person, partnership, limited liability  
10 partnership, limited liability company, corporation, facility, or institution licensed  
11 or certified by this state to provide health care or professional services as a physician  
12 assistant, hospital, nursing home, dentist, registered nurse, advanced practice  
13 registered nurse, licensed dietitian or nutritionist, licensed practical nurse, certified  
14 nurse assistant, offshore health service provider, ambulance service, licensed  
15 midwife, pharmacist, speech-language pathologist, audiologist, optometrist,  
16 podiatrist, chiropractor, physical therapist, occupational therapist, certified or  
17 licensed athletic trainer, psychologist, medical psychologist, social worker, licensed  
18 professional counselor, licensed perfusionist, licensed respiratory therapist, licensed  
19 radiologic technologist, or licensed clinical laboratory scientist.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Adds licensed dietitian or nutritionist to the list of healthcare providers who may use telehealth technology.

Present law authorizes the use of telehealth technology to provide certain healthcare services.

Proposed law retains present law and adds licensed dietitian or nutritionist to the list of healthcare providers who may use telehealth technology subject to regulation by the appropriate licensing board.

(Amends R.S. 40:1223.3(3))