

1 shall be excellent, world-class and globally competitive, through honest,
2 effective, relevant, and credible licensure examinations and through regulatory
3 programs, measures and activities that foster professional growth, social
4 responsibility, and development.

5 SEC. 3. *Objectives.* – This Act shall govern:

6 (a) The examination, registration, and licensure of
7 nutritionist-dietitians;

8 (b) The supervision, control, and regulation of the practice of nutrition
9 and dietetics;

10 (c) The development of the professional competence of
11 nutritionist-dietitians through continuing professional development (CPD); and

12 (d) The integration of the nutrition-dietetics profession.

13 SEC. 4. *Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act:

14 (a) *Accredited professional organization* (APO) refers to the
15 organization accredited by the Professional Regulatory Board for
16 nutritionist-dietitians, subject to the approval of the Professional Regulation
17 Commission (PRC) created under Republic Act No. 8981, known as the “PRC
18 Modernization Act of 2000”, as amended;

19 (b) *Dietetics* refers to the science and art of applying the principles of
20 nutrition to the planning and preparation of foods and regulation of the diet in
21 relation to both health and disease. It also refers to the promotive, preventive,
22 therapeutic, and administrative aspects of the delivery of nutritional services in
23 hospitals, foodservice institutions, and other health institutions;

24 (c) *Nutrition* refers to the science dealing with foods, nutrient
25 compositions, eating habits, nutritional status, and health and diseases of
26 individuals and populations. Nutrition is also concerned with social, economic,
27 cultural, political, and psychological implications of food and eating;

28 (d) *Nutritionist-dietitian* refers to a person who holds a valid certificate
29 of registration as a nutritionist-dietitian and a valid professional identification

1 card issued by the Professional Regulatory Board and the PRC pursuant to this
2 Act; and

3 (e) *Profession* refers to the science and art or discipline of nutrition
4 and dietetics combined.

5 SEC. 5. *Practice of Nutrition and Dietetics.* – A person is deemed to
6 be in the practice of nutrition and dietetics within the meaning and intent of
7 this Act when a nutritionist and dietitian, renders or offers to render
8 professional services in nutrition and dietetics whether for a fee, salary or
9 other reward or compensation, paid to the individual or through another person
10 or even without such rewards or compensation. The practice of nutrition and
11 dietetics may include the following areas:

12 (a) *Academe* – teachers/instructors of nutrition, dietetics, and
13 foodservice courses;

14 (b) *Business and industry* – professionals working in the business and
15 industry doing work requiring nutrition and dietetics background including
16 private practitioners and consultants in nutrition;

17 (c) *Food production and product development* – professionals involved
18 in developing and producing new food products following the principles of
19 food and nutrition;

20 (d) *Food service* – consultants and managers in food service
21 establishments engaged in institutional food production, recipe development
22 and standardization, implementation of food safety and sanitation practices,
23 and delivery and evaluation of services;

24 (e) *Hospital* – clinical dietitians, therapeutic dietitians, administrative
25 dietitians, food service managers and/or nutrition support unit heads in
26 hospital settings;

27 (f) *Community and public health nutrition* – professionals involved in
28 food and nutrition policy formulation, community assessment, planning,

1 implementation, monitoring, evaluation of nutrition programs and advocacy;
2 and consultants and technical advisers on nutrition;

3 (g) Food and nutrition research – professionals in basic and applied
4 food and nutrition research; and

5 (h) Wellness and sports nutrition – professionals and consultants
6 involved in nutrition aspects in wellness and sports programs.

7 The Board, subject to the approval by the PRC, may revise the scope of
8 practice as the need arises.

9 ARTICLE II

10 NUTRITION AND DIETETICS EDUCATION PROVISION

11 SEC. 6. *Nutrition and Dietetics Education Program.* – The Nutrition
12 and Dietetics Education Program shall provide sound general and professional
13 foundation for the practice of nutrition and dietetics.

14 The teaching modules shall adhere strictly to specific requirements
15 embodied in the prescribed curriculum as promulgated by the policies and
16 standards of nutrition and dietetics education of the Commission on Higher
17 Education (CHED).

18 SEC. 7. *Requirement for Inactive Nutritionist-Dietitians Returning to*
19 *Practice.* – A nutritionist-dietitian who has not actively practiced the
20 profession for three (3) consecutive years is required to attend and pass a
21 refresher course and complete a related practicum, both offered by an
22 institution accredited by the APO.

23 SEC. 8. *Qualifications of the Faculty.* – A member of the faculty in a
24 college offering a program on nutrition and dietetics must:

25 (a) Be a registered nutritionist-dietitian in the Philippines;

26 (b) Have practiced the profession of nutrition and dietetics and in any
27 of its specialty fields for at least one (1) year;

1 (c) Be a member of good standing of the APO of nutritionist-dietitians;
2 and

3 (d) Be a holder preferably of a masteral degree in nutrition and
4 dietetics, education, or other allied medical and health sciences conferred by a
5 college or a university duly recognized by the CHED.

6 In addition to the aforementioned qualifications, the head of the
7 nutrition and dietetics' program must have a masteral degree in nutrition and
8 dietetics and have at least five (5) years of experience of actual practice in
9 nutrition and dietetics.

10 ARTICLE III

11 PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

12 SEC. 9. *Creation and Composition of the Professional Regulatory*
13 *Board of Nutrition and Dietetics.* – There is hereby created a Professional
14 Regulatory Board of Nutrition and Dietetics, hereinafter referred to as the
15 Board, a collegial body which shall be under the administrative supervision
16 and control of the PRC. The Board shall be composed of a Chairperson and
17 two (2) members to be appointed by the President of the Republic of the
18 Philippines from among those recommended by the PRC from the three (3)
19 nominees of the duly accredited APO of nutritionists and dietitians.

20 SEC. 10. *Qualifications of Members of the Board.* – At the time of
21 appointment, a member of the Board, including the Chairperson, must:

- 22 (a) Be a natural-born Filipino citizen and a resident of the Philippines;
23 (b) Be at least thirty-five (35) years of age;
24 (c) Be of good moral character;
25 (d) Be a registered and licensed nutritionist-dietitian with a valid
26 certificate of registration and valid professional license;
27 (e) Be a holder of post-graduate degree in nutrition and dietetics or a
28 related field as determined by the PRC from an institution recognized by the
29 CHED;

1 (f) Have at least five (5) years of continuous practice of the profession
2 prior to appointment;

3 (g) Be a member in good standing of the APO;

4 (h) Not have been convicted or final judgment by any court for any
5 offense involving moral turpitude;

6 (i) Not be a member of the faculty of any school, college or university
7 where a review course in nutrition and dietetics is offered at the time of
8 appointment;

9 (j) Not be an owner or employee of any review school or center;

10 (k) Not be an officer, board member or trustee, of the APO or APO
11 foundation:

12 *Provided, That, any person who is appointed as Chairperson or member*
13 *of the Board shall automatically resign from any teaching position in*
14 *any school, college or university and/or review program for the local*
15 *nutrition-dietetics board examinations or in any office or employment in the*
16 *government or any of its subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities including*
17 *government-owned or -controlled corporations or their subsidiaries.*

18 *SEC. 11. Term of Office of the Members of the Board. – The*
19 *Chairperson and members of the Board shall hold office for a term of three (3)*
20 *years from the date of appointment or until their successors shall have been*
21 *qualified and appointed. They may be reappointed in the same office for*
22 *another term of three (3) years immediately after the expiry of their term:*

23 *Provided, That no member of the Board shall hold office for more than two (2)*
24 *terms or not more than six (6) years: *Provided, further, That the first Board**
25 *appointed under this Act shall hold these terms of office: the Chairperson for*
26 *three (3) years, the first member for two (2) years, and the second member for*
27 *one (1) year: *Provided, finally, That an appointee to a vacancy shall serve**
28 *only the unexpired portion of the term of office. The Chairperson and the*
29 *members shall duly take their oaths of office before a duly authorized officer.*

1 SEC. 12. *Compensation and Allowances of Board Members.* – The
2 Chairperson and members of the Board shall receive compensation,
3 allowances, and other benefits comparable to those of the Chairperson and
4 members of other professional regulatory boards and as may be provided for in
5 the General Appropriations Act.

6 SEC. 13. *Powers, Functions, Duties and Responsibilities of the Board.*
7 – The Board shall exercise the following specific powers, functions, duties
8 and responsibilities:

9 (a) *Issue and promulgate the implementing rules and regulations (IRR)*
10 *of this Act;*

11 (b) *Adopt and promulgate the Code of Ethics, the Code of Good*
12 *Governance, and the Code of Technical Standards for the Practice of Nutrition*
13 *and Dietetics;*

14 (c) *Adopt an official seal of the Board;*

15 (d) *Conduct regular consultation with members and other*
16 *concerned organizations on enhancing the professional development of*
17 *nutritionist-dietitians;*

18 (e) *Enter, together with the PRC, into a memorandum of agreement*
19 *with the CHED to ensure that all higher educational instructions and offerings*
20 *of degree, course or program comply with the policies, standards, and*
21 *requirements of the course prescribed by the CHED in the areas of curriculum,*
22 *faculty, library, and facilities;*

23 (f) *Prescribe and promulgate the tables of specifications syllabi for the*
24 *subjects in the licensure examinations in consultation with the academe and*
25 *the CHED;*

26 (g) *Evaluate and approve applications for licensure examinations;*

27 (h) *Prepare questions for the subjects in the licensure examinations,*
28 *administer and correct the examinations, and release results;*

29

1 (i) Issue, suspend, revoke or reinstate the certificate of registration
2 for the practice of nutrition and dietetics;

3 (j) Register qualified persons for the practice of nutrition and dietetics,
4 issue their respective certificate of registration and professional identification
5 card;

6 (k) Administer oaths in connection with the administration of this Act;

7 (l) Monitor and evaluate the conditions affecting the practice of
8 nutrition and dietetics as may be deemed proper for the maintenance of
9 professional, ethical, and technical standards;

10 (m) Reissue or reinstate any revoked or suspended certificate of
11 registration and unexpired professional identification card to a valid holder:

12 *Provided*, That the revoked certificate of registration shall only be reissued
13 after the lapse of the period in accordance with Section 27 of this Act:

14 *Provided, further*, That the Board shall issue a resolution thereon subject to
15 approval by the PRC, after the holder shall have established the fitness to

16 practice anew the profession: *Provided, finally*, That the suspended
17 certificate of registration shall only be reissued upon the approval of the
18 Board;

19 (n) Prescribe and promulgate Rules of Procedure governing the
20 performance of its quasi-judicial functions;

21 (o) Hear and investigate cases on violations of this Act, its IRR, the
22 Code of Ethics, the Code of Good Governance, the Code of Technical
23 Standards for the practice of the profession, and other policies and for this
24 purpose, to issue summons, *subpoena ad testificandum* and *subpoena duces*
25 *tecum* to alleged violators or witnesses, or both, to compel their attendance in
26 hearings or investigations;

27 (p) Delegate the hearing or investigation of cases against the alleged
28 violators: *Provided*, That when the issue or question involved strictly concerns
29 the technical practice of nutrition and dietetics, the hearing or investigation of

1 cases shall be presided over by at least one (1) member of the Board, who shall
2 be assisted by a Legal or Hearing Officer of the PRC;

3 (q) Endorse cases involving criminal violations of this Act and other
4 laws, rules and regulations, and other policies to the Department of Justice
5 (DOJ) for investigation and, at the discretion of the Board, file a complaint
6 with the DOJ;

7 (r) *Decide administrative cases against examinees or RNDs:*
8 *Provided,* That upon the finding of guilt, the examination papers of the
9 examinees shall be cancelled and they shall be barred from taking another
10 licensure examination: *Provided, further,* That in the case of RNDs, their
11 certificate of registration shall be suspended and revoked: *Provided,*
12 *furthermore,* That the effectivity of the penalty shall only commence from the
13 date of surrender of the certificates together with professional identification
14 cards: *Provided, finally,* That the decision of the Board shall, unless appealed
15 to the PRC, become final and executory after fifteen (15) days from receipt of
16 notice of judgment or decision;

17 (s) Conduct through the Legal or Hearing Officers summary
18 proceedings on minor violations committed by examinees against this Act, its
19 IRR, any of the Codes aforementioned, the General Instructions to Examinees,
20 and to render summary judgment thereon which shall, unless appealed to the
21 PRC, become final and executory fifteen (15) days after receipt of notice of
22 judgment or decision;

23 (t) Prepare and submit to the PRC after the close of each calendar
24 year, an annual report of accomplishment, programs, projects, and activities of
25 the Board including appropriate recommendations on issues or problems
26 affecting the profession; and

27 (u) Discharge other implied, incidental, or necessary powers, duties,
28 functions, and responsibilities to effectively carry out the provisions of this
29 Act and achieve its objectives.

1 examination for nutritionist-dietitians as provided for in this Act in such places
2 and dates as the PRC may designate in a Resolution thereof on the Master
3 Schedules for all licensure examinations in accordance with Section 7(d) of
4 Republic Act No. 8981.

5 SEC. 17. *Qualifications for the Licensure Examination.* – An applicant
6 for the licensure examination for nutritionist-dietitians shall establish to the
7 satisfaction of the Board possession of the following qualifications:

8 (a) Philippine citizenship or citizenship of a foreign country which
9 legally allows the reciprocal practice of nutrition and dietetics by foreign
10 citizens;

11 (b) Good moral character and reputation, with no conviction by a
12 court of competent jurisdiction for an offense involving moral turpitude;
13 and

14 (c) Bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Dietetics or its equivalent duly
15 recognized or accredited by the CHED and conferred by a duly authorized
16 educational institution.

17 SEC. 18. *Scope of Licensure Examination.* – The coverage of the
18 licensure examinations for nutritionist-dietitians shall include the following
19 subjects:

20 (a) Nutrition and Dietetics;

21 (b) Foods and Foodservice Systems; and

22 (c) Community and Applied Nutrition.

23 The Board, subject to approval by the PRC, may revise or exclude from
24 the coverage of the examinations any of the aforementioned subjects and their
25 tables of specifications syllabi, and add new ones as the need arises to conform
26 to technological changes brought about by continuing trends in the profession.

27 SEC. 19. *Rating in the Licensure Examination.* – To pass the licensure
28 examination, an examinee must obtain a general or weighted average rating of

1 seventy-five percent (75%), with no rating below fifty percent (50%) in any
2 subject: *Provided*, That an examinee who fails to obtain a passing average but
3 who obtained at least seventy-five percent (75%) in each of at least one-half
4 (1/2) of the total subjects given in the examinations, may be permitted to take
5 within two (2) years from the date of the examination, another examination on
6 the subjects in which one obtained a grade below seventy-five percent (75%).
7 Should the examinee fail in the set of subjects repeated in the second
8 examinations, the examinee shall be required to take all the subjects in the next
9 examination.

10 SEC. 20. *Report of Rating.* - The Board shall submit to the PRC the
11 ratings obtained by each examinee not later than ten (10) days after the last
12 day of the examination, unless it is extended for a valid cause.

13 SEC. 21. *Oath.* - All successful examinees in the licensure
14 examination shall take the Oath of Profession before the Chairperson or any
15 member of the Board, or any officer of the PRC authorized to administer oath,
16 prior to entering the practice of nutrition and dietetics.

17 SEC. 22. *Issuance of Certificate of Registration and Professional*
18 *Identification Card.* - A certificate of registration shall be issued to a person
19 registered as nutritionist-dietitians under this Act, subject to payment of fees
20 prescribed by the PRC. It shall bear the signature of the Chairperson of the
21 PRC and the Chairperson and members of the Board, indicating that the
22 person named therein is entitled to practice the profession with all the
23 privileges appurtenant thereto. Until withdrawn, revoked, or suspended in
24 accordance with this Act, the certificate of registration shall remain in full
25 force and effect.

26 A professional identification card, duly signed by the Chairperson of the
27 PRC and bearing the registration number and date, its validity and expiry, shall
28 likewise be issued to every registrant who has paid the prescribed fee. It shall

1 be reissued every three (3) years upon payment of the prescribed fees therefor
2 and compliance with the CPD requirement.

3 *SEC. 23. Foreign Reciprocity.* – No foreigner shall be allowed to take
4 the licensure examination for nutritionist-dietitians, register, or receive one’s
5 certificate of registration and professional identification card, or practice
6 nutrition and dietetics in the Philippines unless the requirements for the
7 licensure examination and the registration and practice of nutrition and
8 dietetics imposed under the laws and regulations in one’s foreign country or
9 State are substantially the same as those required and contemplated by
10 Philippine laws and regulations, and unless the said foreign laws and
11 regulations allow Philippine citizens to practice nutrition and dietetics within
12 the territory of the said foreign country or State on the same basis and grant
13 the same privileges as those enjoyed by the citizens, subjects or nationals
14 thereof.

15 *SEC. 24. Grounds for Non-Registration.* – The Board shall not
16 register any successful examinee who has been:

17 (a) Convicted by final judgment of an offense involving moral
18 turpitude by a court of competent jurisdiction;

19 (b) *Summarily adjudged guilty* for violation of the General Instructions
20 to Examinees by the Board; and

21 (c) Declared of unsound mind by a court of competent jurisdiction.

22 In refusing such registration, the Board shall inform the applicant in
23 writing, indicating therein the reason for the refusal and shall file a copy
24 thereof in its records.

25 *SEC. 25. Revocation or Suspension of the Certificate of Registration*
26 *and Cancellation of Temporary/Special Permit.* – The Board shall have
27 the power, after due process, to revoke or suspend the certificate of
28 registration or to cancel a temporary/special permit upon any of the following
29 grounds:

1 (a) Registration by a Board member of an examinee who falls under
2 Section 24(a) and 24(b) of this Act;

3 (b) Violation of a provision of this Act, its IRR, Code of Ethics, Code
4 of Good Governance, standards for the practice of nutrition and dietetics,
5 policy and measures of the Board or the PRC, or both;

6 (c) Perpetration or use of fraud in obtaining the certificate of
7 registration, professional identification card and temporary/special
8 permit;

9 (d) Gross incompetence, negligence or ignorance resulting in death,
10 injury or damage;

11 (e) Neglect or failure to pay the registration fees for three (3)
12 consecutive years;

13 (f) Aiding or abetting the illegal practice of a non-registered and
14 non-licensed person by allowing the use of one's certificate of registration
15 and/or professional identification card or temporary/special permit;

16 (g) Illegally practicing the profession during the suspension from the
17 practice thereof;

18 (h) Proven to have a drug or alcohol addiction impairing the ability to
19 practice the profession or declared with unsound mind by a court of competent
20 jurisdiction.

21 The Board shall periodically evaluate the aforementioned grounds and
22 revise or exclude or add new ones as the need arises subject to approval by the
23 PRC.

24 Any person may file charges against any registrant in accordance with
25 the provision of this section. An affidavit-complaint shall be filed together
26 with affidavits of witnesses and other documentary evidence with the Board
27 through the Legal and Investigation Office: *Provided, That*, the Board, may
28 *motu proprio*, on its own, recommend an investigation of any RND for
29 violation of any of the abovementioned causes which shall be embodied in a

1 resolution to be signed by at least a majority of the members of the Board.
2 The rules on administrative investigation issued by the Board shall govern the
3 hearing or investigation, subject to applicable provisions of Republic Act
4 No. 8981 and the Rules of Court.

5 SEC. 26. *Reissuance of Revoked Certificate of Registration,*
6 *Replacement of Lost or Damaged Certificate of Registration, Professional*
7 *Identification Card or Temporary/Special Permit.* – The Board may, upon
8 petition, receive or reinstate if still valid, a revoked certificate of registration
9 two (2) years after the date of effectivity of revocation, which is the date of
10 surrender of the certificate of registration or the professional identification
11 card, or both, to the Board or the PRC. The Board may not require the holder
12 thereof to take another licensure examination: *Provided,* That the petitioner
13 shall prove to the Board that a valid ground exists for the petitioner to continue
14 to practice the profession. To grant a petition, the Board shall issue a Board
15 Resolution the effectivity of which shall be subject to the approval of the
16 PRC.

17 A duplicate copy of a lost certificate of registration, professional
18 identification card or temporary/special permit may be reissued in
19 accordance with the rules of the PRC and upon payment of the prescribed
20 fees.

21 SEC. 27. *Nonpayment of the Registration Fees.* – The Board shall
22 suspend a nutritionist-dietitian from the practice of the profession for
23 nonpayment of the registration fees for three (3) consecutive years from the
24 last year of payment as provided in Section 25(e). The nutritionist-dietitian
25 may resume the practice of profession only upon payment of the delinquent
26 fees, plus surcharges and interest, and in accordance with the rules of the
27 PRC.

28 The three (3)-year count for nonpayment of fees may be interrupted
29 when a nutritionist-dietitian informs the Board or the PRC, or both, in writing

1 that the practice has been discontinued. The certificate of registration shall be
2 surrendered to the Board or the PRC.

3 SEC. 28. *Vested Rights: Automatic Registration.* - All
4 nutritionist-dietitians registered at the effectivity of this Act shall
5 automatically be registered hereunder, subject to the provisions herein set
6 forth as to future requirements.

7 The certificates of registration and professional identification cards or
8 temporary/special permits held by such persons in good standing shall have
9 the same force and effect as though they were issued on or after the effectivity
10 of this Act.

11 ARTICLE V

12 PRACTICE OF NUTRITION AND DIETETICS

13 SEC. 29. *Lawful Practitioners of Nutrition and Dietetics.* - The
14 persons who shall be authorized to practice nutrition and dietetics are the
15 following:

16 (a) Natural Persons:

17 (1) Duly registered and licensed as nutritionist-dietitians and holders of
18 a valid certificate of registration and a valid professional identification card
19 issued by the Board and the PRC pursuant to this Act; and

20 (2) Holders of valid temporary/special permits issued by the Board and
21 the PRC to foreign-licensed nutritionist-dietitians pursuant to the reciprocal
22 arrangements approved under this Act.

23 (b) Juridical Persons:

24 (1) A single proprietorship or the owner of a business employing staff
25 who are registered and licensed nutritionist-dietitians;

26 (2) A partnership duly registered with the Securities and Exchange
27 Commission (SEC) as professional partnership pursuant to the Civil Code
28 and composed of all partners who are all duly registered and licensed
29 nutritionist-dietitians;

1 (3) A corporation duly registered with the SEC as engaged in the
2 practice of nutrition and dietetics and whose officers and Board of Directors
3 are all registered and licensed nutritionist-dietitians; and

4 (4) Association duly registered with the SEC as not-for-profit,
5 nonstock corporation whose officers, Board of Trustees, and members are all
6 registered and licensed nutritionist-dietitians.

7 These juridical persons shall also be registered with the Board and the
8 PRC in accordance with the rules and regulations thereon.

9 SEC. 30. *Practice of Nutrition and Dietetics.* – Plantilla position, with
10 the titles, “nutritionist-dietitian”, “nutritionist” or “dietitian” as well as
11 positions requiring the expertise of RNDs shall be occupied by RNDs. These
12 include nutrition program officers, hospital nutritionist-dietitians, food service
13 managers in hospitals; foodservice institutions and business and industry;
14 except those in practice before the enactment of this Act.

15 No person shall be employed as a nutritionist-dietitian in any hospital
16 without having been registered in accordance with the provisions of this Act
17 and without an updated professional identification card for the duration of
18 employment. Hospitals with less than ten (10) beds shall hire the services of an
19 RND consultant. Specialty hospitals and clinics must employ more than the
20 minimum required number of full-time RNDs. The provisions of this section
21 shall be complied with within one (1) year from the date of effectivity of this
22 Act.

23 (a) No person shall offer oneself as, or use the title
24 “Nutritionist-Dietitian” or any word, letter, figure, or sign whatsoever,
25 tending to convey the impression that one is a nutritionist-dietitian, or
26 advertise or indicate in any manner that one is qualified to perform the work of
27 a nutritionist-dietitian without holding a valid certificate of registration and a
28 valid professional identification card as issued by the Board in accordance
29 with this Act and its provision on reciprocity.

1 (b) All hospitals, whether government or private, shall employ full-
 2 time RNDs, the minimum number of which shall be determined by bed
 3 capacity and according to the following schedule:

4	<u>Bed Capacity</u>	<u>Minimum RNDs</u>
5	10 - 25 beds	one (1)
6	26 - 75	two (2)
7	76 - 100	three (3)
8	101 - 150	four (4)
9	151 - 200	five (5)
10	201 - 300	six (6)
11	301 - 400	eight (8)
12	401 - 500	ten (10)
13	501 - 750	fifteen (15)
14	751 - 1,000	twenty (20)
15	1,001 - 1,200	twenty-four (24)
16	1,201 - 1,500	thirty (30)
17	above 1,500	forty (40)

18 (c) All nutrition agencies, whether government or private, shall employ
 19 RNDs. All local government units (LGUs) shall be required to have at least
 20 one (1) nutritionist-dietitian per twenty-five thousand (25,000) population for
 21 each municipality or city.

22 (d) Food service managers/positions in hospitals and in food services
 23 in healthcare institutions shall be occupied by RNDs.

24 (e) Food service managers/positions in institutions such as school
 25 cafeterias in basic and higher education institutions, and industrial cafeterias
 26 shall preferably be occupied by RNDs. In the absence of a full-time RND, a
 27 consultant RND shall be hired. When a company cannot afford RND,
 28 part-time RNDs should be employed when food service establishments claim

1 or advertise that their food/meals are nutritious, healthy or suited for persons
2 with conditions that need special diet.

3 (f) Only RNDs may teach nutrition courses in allied fields such as
4 Medicine, Nursing, Midwifery, Dentistry, Human Kinetics, Physical
5 Education, Hospitality, Culinary, Hotel and Restaurant Management-Tourism.

6 (g) In addition to the required faculty qualifications, the professional
7 subjects required for licensure examinations shall be taught in schools,
8 colleges and universities by persons who are holders of valid certificates of
9 registration and valid professional identification cards.

10 (h) All wellness centers, sports clinics, fitness centers must employ the
11 services of at least one (1) full-time or part-time RND.

12 (i) Nutrition support units in hospitals shall include the services of an
13 RND to provide nutrition assessment and counseling.

14 SEC. 31. *Practice Through Temporary/Special Permit.* - A
15 temporary/special permit may be issued by the Board subject to approval by
16 the PRC and payment of fees prescribed by the PRC to the following:

17 (a) A foreign licensed nutritionist-dietitians whose services are
18 rendered either for a fee or for free:

19 (1) If the persons are internationally-known nutritionist-dietitians or
20 experts in any branch or specialty of nutrition and dietetics; and

21 (2) If the services are urgently and importantly necessary for lack of
22 available local specialists or experts for the promotion and advancement of the
23 practice of nutrition and dietetics through transfer of technology.

24 (b) A foreign licensed nutritionist-dietitians whose services are
25 rendered for free and limited to indigent patients in a particular hospital, center
26 or clinic.

27 (c) A foreign licensed nutritionist-dietitians who shall be employed as
28 exchange professor in a branch or subspecialty of nutrition and dietetics in
29 schools, colleges or universities offering the course.

1 The permit shall, among other things, contain these limitations and
2 conditions for a period of not more than one (1) year, subject to renewal, the
3 branch or specialty of nutrition and dietetics, and the specific place of practice
4 such as clinic, hospital, center, school, college or university offering the course
5 of nutrition and dietetics. The Board, subject to the approval of the PRC, shall
6 promulgate the implementing rules and regulations of this particular section.

7 *SEC. 32. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program. –*
8 All nutritionist-dietitians shall abide by the requirements, rules and regulations
9 on CPD to be promulgated by the Professional Regulatory Board of Nutrition
10 and Dietetics, subject to the approval by the PRC, in coordination with the
11 APO for nutrition and dietetics or any duly accredited education institution.

12 *SEC. 33. Indication of Numbers: Certificate of Registration and*
13 *Professional Identification Card, Professional Tax Receipt (PTR), APO*
14 *Membership and Official Receipt (O.R.). –* The nutritionist-dietitians
15 shall be required to indicate the certificate of registration number and date of
16 issuance, and the expiry of the current professional identification card,
17 professional tax receipt number, APO membership number and official
18 receipt number on the documents a nutritionist-dietitian signs,
19 uses, or issues in connection with the practice of nutrition and
20 dietetics.

21 *SEC. 34. Roster of Nutritionist-Dietitians. –* A roster of RNDs shall be
22 prepared by the PRC during the month of August every year, commencing on
23 the year following that in which the Act shall become effective. This roster
24 shall contain the name and address of each RND, date of registration, or
25 issuance of certificates and other dates, which in the opinion of the Board may
26 appear pertinent. The roster shall be opened for public inspection, and copies
27 thereof shall be on file in the records of the PRC. Other bureaus or government
28 agencies and the public may be given a copy upon request.

1 with existing laws, or both, shall be imposed on any person upon final
2 conviction who commits any of the following prohibited acts:

3 (a) Practicing nutrition and dietetics without a valid certificate of
4 registration and/or a valid professional identification card or a valid
5 temporary/special permit;

6 (b) Attempting to use the seal, certificate of registration and/or
7 professional identification card of an RND or temporary/special permit issued
8 to foreign nutritionist-dietitians;

9 (c) Abetting the illegal practice of nutrition and dietetics by an
10 unregistered or unauthorized person;

11 (d) Securing through false information or fraudulent means a
12 certificate of registration and/or professional identification card, or
13 temporary/special permit;

14 (e) Impersonating an RND or a holder of a temporary/special permit;
15 and

16 (f) Commission of any fraudulent act in violation of any provision of
17 this Act.

18 ARTICLE VII

19 FINAL PROVISIONS

20 SEC. 39. *Enforcement.* – In carrying out the provisions of this Act, the
21 Board shall be assisted by the PRC, the APO, duly constituted government
22 agencies and authorities, and private organizations in the industry. A
23 memorandum of agreement between agencies or organizations may be
24 executed.

25 SEC. 40. *Appropriations.* – The Chairperson of the PRC shall
26 immediately include in the Commission's programs the implementation of
27 this Act, the funding of which shall be included in the annual General
28 Appropriations Act.

1 SEC. 41. *Transitory Provisions.* - The incumbent Board shall, in an
2 interim capacity, continue to operate or function by carrying out the provisions
3 of this Act, until the first Board created under this Act shall have been
4 constituted or organized pursuant thereto.

5 SEC. 42. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* - The Board of
6 Nutrition and Dietetics, subject to approval by the PRC, shall prescribe,
7 promulgate, and issue a Board Resolution containing the rules and regulations
8 implementing this Act after consultation with the APO, other agencies, and
9 private organizations concerned in the industry not later than the ninetieth
10 (90th) day from the effectivity of this Act.

11 SEC. 43. *Separability Clause.* - If any provision, section, or part of this
12 Act shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not
13 affect, invalidate or impair any other provision, section or part hereof, but shall
14 be merely confined to the provision, section, or part thereof that is directly
15 involved in the issue upon which such judgment has been rendered.

16 SEC. 44. *Repealing Clause.* - Presidential Decree No. 1286 is hereby
17 repealed. All other laws, decrees, orders, letters of instruction, rules and
18 regulations, or other issuances, and parts thereof inconsistent with the
19 provisions of this Act are likewise accordingly repealed or modified.

20 SEC. 45. *Effectivity.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days
21 after its publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
22 circulation.

Approved,

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