

(v) Applying scientific research to the role of food in the maintenance of health and the treatment of disease.

(G) "REGISTERED DIETITIAN" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED WITH THE COMMISSION ON DIETETIC REGISTRATION, THE ACCREDITING BODY OF THE AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION.

5-102.

The purpose of this title is to protect the lives and health of the people of this State by:

(1) Setting standards for the practice of dietetics; and

(2) Limiting the use of the title "licensed [dietitian" and "licensed nutritionist"] DIETITIAN-NUTRITIONIST" to individuals who meet those standards.

5-103.

(a) This title does not limit the right of an individual to practice a health occupation that the individual is authorized to practice under this article.

(b) This title does not limit the right of an individual or group to provide services and information related to nonmedical nutrition while:

(1) Employed by or operating a health, weight loss, or fitness program;

(2) Employed by or operating a health food store;

(3) Employed by or operating a business that sells health products including dietary supplements, food, or food materials, or provides nonmedical nutritional information or distributes nutritional literature; or

(4) Conducting classes or disseminating information related to nonmedical nutrition.

(c) This title does not limit the right of an individual to provide services related only to the purchasing, preparation, and service of food to groups of people.

(d) This title does not limit the right of an individual to provide nonmedical nutritional information or to distribute nutritional literature.

5-201.

There is a State Board of Dietetic Practice in the Department.

5-202.

(a) (1) The Board consists of nine members.

(2) Of the nine Board members:

(i) Seven shall be [dietitians or nutritionists] DIETITIAN-NUTRITIONISTS licensed on or after [July 1, 1986] JULY 1, 2004 to practice dietetics in Maryland, including: