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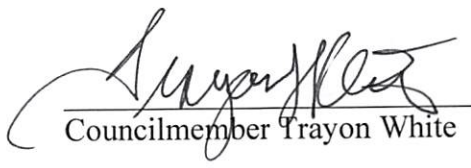
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21 To amend the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 to require  
22 continuing education for certain health occupations on the subject of nutrition.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this  
25 act may be cited as the “Continuing Nutrition Education Amendment Act of 2019”.

26 Sec. 2. Section 510 of the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of  
27 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.10), is amended as  
28 follows:

29 (a) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

30 (1) Paragraph (3)(M) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a  
31 semicolon in its place.

32 (2) Paragraph (4)(B)(v) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a  
33 semicolon in its place.

34 (3) Paragraph (5)(B)(vii) is amended by striking the period and inserting the  
35 phrase “; and” in its place.

36 (4) A new paragraph (6) is added to read as follows:

37 “(6)(A) Except as provided in subsection (b-1)(5) of this section, require that any

38 continuing education requirements for the following practices include 2 credits of instruction on

39 nutrition in accordance with subparagraph (B) of this paragraph:

40 “(i) The practice of medicine;

41 “(ii) The practice of registered nursing;

42 “(iii) The practice of practical nursing;

43 “(iv) The practice by nursing assistive personnel; or

44 “(v) The practice of physician assistants.

45 “(B) The instruction required by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph shall:

46 “(i) Be evidence-based;

47 “(ii) Not be financially supported, directly or indirectly, by any

48 food, beverage, or dietary supplement manufacturer, company, or trade organization; and

49 “(iii) Provide information and skills to enable health professionals

50 to incorporate nutrition counseling into clinical practice, which may include:

51 “(I) General nutrition throughout the lifecycle;

52 “(II) Nutrition assessment;

53 “(III) The role of nutrition in disease prevention,

54 management, and treatment;

55 “(IV) Nutrition topics related to medical specialties such as

56 obstetrics and gynecology, cardiology, and oncology;

57 “(V) Food insecurity and its impact on health; and

58 “(VI) Obesity treatment and prevention.”

59 (b) Subsection (b-1) is amended as follows:

60 (1) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a  
61 semicolon in its place.

62 (2) Paragraph (4)(B) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “;  
63 and” in its place.

64 (3) A new paragraph (5) is added to read as follows:

65 “(5) Waive by rule the requirement in subsection (b)(6) of this section for any  
66 licensed health professional who can prove to the satisfaction of the relevant board that she or he  
67 did not see patients in a clinical setting in the District during the previous licensing cycle.”.

68 (c) A new subsection (f) is added to read as follows:

69 “(f) Within one year after passage of the Continuing Nutrition Education Amendment Act  
70 of 2019, as introduced on June 4, 2019, the Department of Health’s DC Center for Rational  
71 Prescribing shall develop and offer continuing education courses, free to District healthcare  
72 professionals, meeting the requirements of subsection (b)(6)(B) of this section.”.

73 Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.

74 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal  
75 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,  
76 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

77 Sec. 4. Effective date.

78 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the  
79 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of congressional review as  
80 provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December

81 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), and publication in the District of  
82 Columbia Register.