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House Bill 4296 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Beverly Hammerstrom
House Committee: Health Policy
Senate Committee: Economic Development, International Trade and Regulatory Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to provide for the registration and regulation of nutritionist and dieticians; establish a \$20 application fee and a \$25 annual registration fee; and create the Michigan Board of Dietetics and Nutrition in the Department of Consumer and Industry Services. The bill is tie-barred to House Bills 5736 and 5737.

The Board of Nutrition and Dietetics would comprise two public members and five registered dietitians and nutritionists. The Department would have to issue a registration to an applicant who paid the fees, met prescribed requirements for education and experience, and passed an Department-approved examination. A registration could be renewed upon payment of the renewal fee. Beginning with the second renewal period after the bill's effective date, the Board could require a registrant to furnish it with evidence that during the preceding year he or she had attended at least 12-clock hours of Board-approved continuing education courses or programs in subjects related to nutrition and dietetics.

(House Bills 5736 (H-2) and 5737 (H-2) would amend the Nonprofit Health Care Corporation Reform Act and the Worker's Disability Compensation Act, respectively, to specify that a health care corporation or an employer would not be required to reimburse for services performed by a member of a health care profession that became a licensed or registered profession after January 1, 1998.)

MCL 333.16131 et al.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have a fiscal impact on State government. The application and registration fees that would be authorized by this legislation would increase revenues to the Department of Consumer and Industry Services, but would be offset by the cost associated with implementing and administering a new program. It is difficult to determine what the exact amount of revenue would be without knowing the number of individuals who would be affected by this legislation.

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