

House Committee of Corporations
State of Rhode Island General Assembly
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Support for H 5067 - DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT

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Dear Chairman Solomon and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jason Kashdan and I am a recently credentialed Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (dietitian) from Providence, RI. I am writing to express my strong support for H 5067, Dietitian Licensure Compact, which would decrease the administrative burden required for dietitians to be licensed in multiple states.

In the current system, dietitians licensed in multiple states have to keep track of the timing of renewal, fee payment methods and differing continuing education requirements for each state, creating a high administrative burden and taking away important time from patient care.

This cost-effective solution would alleviate barriers for both providers and patients who relocate to a different state. Notably, this includes students of all ages who travel out of state, and both dietitians and patients who serve in the military or are spouses of military personnel. The compact would allow these patients to continue working with their current dietitian via telehealth, rather than being forced to find a new healthcare provider. The relationship between a dietitian and their client is built over months, and sometimes years, of mutual trust, respect and safety. H 5067 will allow these invaluable partnerships to continue, and support patients' agency to choose the best provider for their individual health needs.

This compact would decrease the burden to become qualified to practice in multiple states and expand access to nutrition care to Rhode Island patients. On behalf of my current and future patients, I respectfully ask for your support of House Bill 5067, the Dietitian Licensure Compact.

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