

CHAPTER 25

CONSUMER AND COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

HOUSE BILL 94-1102

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AN ACT

CONCERNING A DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE UNDER THE "COLORADO CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" FOR USE OF THE TERM "DIETITIAN" BY PERSONS NOT MEETING CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 6-1-105 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, 1992 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

6-1-105. Deceptive trade practices. (1) A person engages in a deceptive trade practice when, in the course of such person's business, vocation, or occupation, such person:

(ee.5) CLAIMS EITHER ORALLY OR IN WRITING TO BE A "DIETITIAN", "DIETICIAN", "CERTIFIED DIETITIAN", "CERTIFIED DIETICIAN", "C.D.", OR "D." TO INDICATE THAT SUCH PERSON IS A DIETITIAN, UNLESS SUCH PERSON:

(I) POSSESSES A BACCALAUREATE, MASTERS, OR DOCTORATE DEGREE IN HUMAN NUTRITION, FOODS AND NUTRITION, DIETETICS, NUTRITION EDUCATION, FOOD SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT, OR PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION FROM AN INSTITUTION THAT IS:

(A) ACCREDITED BY A REGIONAL OR PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITING AGENCY RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR THE COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY ACCREDITATION, OR IS RECOGNIZED AS A CANDIDATE FOR ACCREDITATION BY SUCH ACCREDITING AGENCY;

(B) AUTHORIZED TO GRANT DEGREES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 2 OF TITLE 23, C.R.S.;
OR

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(C) A SCHOOL, INSTITUTE, COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY CHARTERED OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES, THE ACADEMIC DEGREE FROM WHICH HAS BEEN VALIDATED BY AN ACCREDITING AGENCY APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS EQUIVALENT TO A BACCALAUREATE OR POSTBACCALAUREATE DEGREE CONFERRED BY A REGIONALLY ACCREDITED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY IN THE UNITED STATES; AND

(II) MEETS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) COMPLETES AT LEAST NINE HUNDRED HOURS OF A PLANNED, CONTINUOUS, PREPROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE IN A NUTRITION OR DIETETIC PRACTICE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A QUALIFIED DIETITIAN; OR

(B) HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED DIETICIAN THROUGH THE COMMISSION ON DIETETIC REGISTRATION.

SECTION 2. Effective date. This act shall take effect July 1, 1994.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: March 15, 1994