



NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

Good News (for now) – NY Dietitian Licensing Bill Held for Further Discussion By Higher Ed. Committee on May 8

The NY Senate Higher Education Committee decided not to vote on SB 2231-C, the Dietitians/Nutritionists Licensing bill, during the hearing on May 8 because the opposition surrounding the bill indicated a need for more discussion! You can listen to the brief comments of the committee chair, Sen. Lavalley, about this decision on the archived video [here](#) (jump to 4:25 minutes). **Thank you to everyone who contacted committee members about why this bill should not move forward – your actions are making a difference!**

What does this mean for the future of SB 2231-C? The bill is still “alive” and the committee could decide to reschedule it at any time BUT it also means that they are listening and that you now have even more time to make your opposition heard!

This is a great time to continue being in touch with committee members and your personal legislators - they and their staff want to hear from you and, in fact, it is their job to listen!

Tell them you appreciate the committee decision to allow for more discussion on this important issue and that the current title protection law for dietitians and nutritionists is adequate and does not need to be changed.

Or, explain that SB 2231-C is a monopolistic dietitian/nutritionist licensing bill that would prohibit anyone without a license from doing anything within the broad scope of practice outlined in the bill and therefore it threatens your health freedom.

Or, say that health-seekers deserve to have maximum options protected as they work to explore their wellness and health and so any attempt by the legislature to change current law must have proper exemptions in it to protect free speech and the economic liberty of the thousands of wellness practitioners providing wonderful services to consumers in New York, such as health coaches.

NHFA will not support this bill moving forward without the proper following exemption:

This article shall not be construed to affect or prevent:

3. A person who furnishes nutrition information, provides recommendations, counseling or advice concerning nutrition, or who markets food, food materials or dietary supplements and provides nutrition information, recommendations or advice related to that marketing, if the person does not represent that he or she is a Licensed Nutritionist or Licensed Dietitian/Nutritionist. While performing acts described in this Article, a person shall be deemed not to be engaged in the practice of dietetics or nutrition.

It is so important for you to educate your legislators on why you want them to oppose SB 2231-C and your efforts to do so reinforce the work NHFA is doing to stop this bill.

Please support NHFA in opposing SB2231-C by reaching out to Committee members to tell them you want them to vote NO, or amend the bill with the above exemption, if the bill is scheduled again in the future!

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