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Alabama	License for both dietitians and nutritionists.	Alabama State Board of Examiners for Dietetics/Nutritionists	Yes	1984	Standard ADA bill	Started as title protection in 1984 and amended to licensure in 1989. Note that the first Board staffer was the ADA lobbyist responsible for passing the licensure amendment.
Alaska	License for both dietitians and nutritionists.	Board	Yes	1999	Statute is more title protection than scope of practice.	Includes the CBNS certifying examination Testimony on bill Minute meetings
Arizona	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A	A legislative licensure committee has been formed and is working towards determining the future of licensure in Arizona (according to AZ ADA in early 2008).	AZ ADA gave presentation in April/08 to provide information to members about licensure. Review by Clinton Miller of 1990 bill & efforts
Arkansas	License for dietitians only	Arkansas Dietetic Licensing Board	Yes	1989	Standard ADA bill	Took eight years to pass into law.
California	Registration for dietitians only.	Medical Board of California	Yes	1982	Title protection of ‘registered dietitian’ A bill to strengthen this law was introduced in February of 1988 but was subsequently withdrawn by its sponsor after a negative sunrise review by the legislative unit of the California Division of Consumer Services.)	The history. As of 2005, CDA had no plans to pursue licensing in California. CDA membership is not supportive of the annual fees necessary to support licensure and the political climate in California is opposed to additional licensing boards.
Colorado	No statute except deceptive advertising	N/A	Yes	N/A	2001 Sunset Review by Legislature re: dietitian regulation and concluded “that the unregulated practice of Registered Dietitians and nutritionists has not resulted in significant harm to Colorado consumers” and furthermore,	Govt letter to ADA denying to regulate dietitians (2007) Legislature Report (Dietitian Class Series Description) 2003 From the CO ADA chapter: do not have a lobbyist and based on ADA direction, will be postponing recruitment until 2010 and Colorado Licensure until 2011.



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					that "...Dietitians failed to submit compelling evidence of public harm that satisfies the burden of proving that regulation is necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare." The offers a few more nuggets such as that the "... the submitted examples of "nutritional mismanagement" embraced situations in which consumers voluntarily sought advice or purchased products.	
Connecticut	Certify for dietitians only.	Dept of Health	Yes	1994	Under this law persons not certified can still practice the occupation or profession of nutrition, but may not use particular titles, such as dietitian, certified dietitian, or licensed dietitian.	Includes the CBNS certifying examination One of the 5 legislative priorities for ADA chapter is to "...Promote the RD as the "Nutrition Expert" with legally defined credentials" and "...should CDR credentialing be the standard for certification exam?"
Delaware	Certify (moving to Licensure, effective June 21, 2009) For both dietitians and nutritionists.	The Committee of Dietetics/Nutrition * The Board is currently in process of promulgating Rules and Regulations based on the new law.	Yes	1994. Amended 2007.	Fairly standard ADA bill. There was extremely strong opposition and an amendment was added to the Senate version that would " have given unprecedented recognition to "herbalists and other integrative practitioners." " The ADA chapter eventually convinced lawmakers to drop them to "better protect the public".	Began as title protection/certify in 1994. Amended for licensure in 2007. A requirement for licensure: Option B Provide letter of good standing and a copy of current certification card with the American Board of Nutrition OR the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists (they provide the wrong website address for CBNS). Option D : Provide evidence of successfully passing the registration examination administered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration of the American Dietetic Association or another national examination acceptable to the Committee



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District Of Columbia	License for both dietitians and nutritionists.	Board of Dietetics and Nutrition	Yes	1986	Standard ADA bill	Includes the CBNS certifying examination
Florida	License for dietitians, nutritionists, and nutritionist counselors.	Dietetics & Nutrition Practice Council	Yes	1988	Standard ADA bill	The law grandfathers “individuals who had been practicing nutrition counseling prior to 1988 allowed to apply for the designation licensed nutrition counselor (LNC)”
Georgia	License for dietitians only.	Board of Examiners of Licensed Dietitians	Yes	1984 Amended 1989. Amended in 1994.	Standard ADA bill	2nd state to license. In 1988, the Georgia Sunset found that the need for the Board was questionable. It found no documentation of harm to Georgians by either licensed or unlicensed dietitians. Further it concluded existing public protection from voluntary licensure can be achieved through registration with the American Dietetic Association (ADA). Georgia's Legislature re-established the Board in 1994
Hawaii	License for dietitian only.	Not yet.	Yes	2000	Standard ADA bill	An article in 2006 noted that as of yet there had been no licensed dietitians and details why. ADA hopes to have licensure up by May 2009.
Idaho	License for dietitian only.	Dietetic Licensure Board	Yes	1994	Standard ADA bill	
Illinois	License for dietitians and nutrition counselors.	Division of Professional Regulation	Yes	1991	Standard ADA bill	includes the CBNS certifying examination
Indiana	Title Protection/ Certify for dietitians only.	Dietitians Certification Board	Yes	1994		Note that certification for a dietitian is not mandatory. It is title protection. However, you cannot call yourself a "Certified Dietitian" unless you are certified with this state.
Iowa	License for dietitians only.	Board of Dietetics	Yes	1985	Standard ADA bill	Registered Dietitian Profile prepared by Dept of Health
Kansas	License for dietitians only.	Health Occupations Credentialing	Yes	1988	Standard ADA bill	
Kentucky	License for dietitian;	Board of Licensure and	Yes	1988	Standard ADA bill	Started as title protection in 1988, amended to



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	Certify for nutritionist.	Certification for Dietitians and Nutritionists		Amended in 1994		licensure in 1994. In Nov, KDA representative, suggested that the Board consider adding an examination requirement for becoming a Certified Nutritionist and consider licensure for Registered Dietetic Technicians.
Louisiana	License for both dietitians and nutritionists.	Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition	Yes	1987	Standard ADA bill	Initial regulation consisted of title protection but it was later decided that in order to protect the public, the scope of practice must be defined.
Maine	License for dietitian and dietetic technician	Office of Licensing & Registration	Yes	1985. Amended in 1987. Amended in 1994.	Standard ADA bill	“ Persons giving general nutrition-related information ” are exempt Regulation started as just registration in 1985, but the law was amended to require licensure in 1987.
Maryland	License for dietitian and nutritionist	State Board of Dietetic Practice	Yes	1986. Amended in 1989. Amended in 1994.	Standard ADA bill	Includes the CBNS certifying examination Regulation began with title protection in 1986, then amended in 1989 to license dietitians and then amended in 1994 to add nutritionists.
Massachusetts	License for both dietitians and nutritionists.	Board of Registration of Dietitians and Nutritionists	Yes	1999	Standard ADA bill	Includes the CBNS certifying examination. Exemption: practicing a health profession that includes a dietetic or nutritional practice component, including, but not limited to, holistic medicine, naturopathic medicine, homeopathic medicine, macrobiotics, ayurvedic therapy, polarity therapy, shiatsu therapy, massage therapy, and herbal therapy.
Michigan	License for dietitian	Board of Dietetics and Nutrition	Yes	2007	Standard ADA bill, not yet in effect. The board is still writing the rules. Their most recent rules were refused by legislators and they were asked to be more open and not so	Currently comparing the certification process by several organizations: Commission on Dietetic Registration, American Clinical Board of Nutrition, and Certification Board for Nutritionist, Specialists and the Clinical Nutritionists Certification Board (IACCN). Next mtg: 07/08/09



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					restrictive.	AAHF member Coco Newton is Vice-Chair of the Board and is doing a lot of work there.
Minnesota	License for dietitian and nutritionist	Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice	Yes	1994	Standard ADA bill	
Mississippi	License for dietitian. Title protection for nutritionist.	Dept of Health	Yes	1986 Amended in 1994	Standard ADA bill	Regulation began with title protection in 1986, then amended in 1994 to license dietitians
Missouri	License for dietitian only	Committee of Dietitians	Yes	1986 Amended 1994	Standard ADA bill	Regulation began with title protection in 1986, then amended in 1994 to license dietitians
Montana	License for nutritionist. Certify for dietitians.	Board of Medical Examiners	Yes	1987	License is for nutritionists. Title protection for dietitians. The bill was called "Dietetics-Nutrition Practice Act of the State of Montana"	Note: SB 287 - Consumer health freedom and access act - this bill would allow unlicensed practice of nutrition in Montana. At its meeting on 5/23/08 the Board of Medical Examiners (BOME) approved the formation of a subcommittee to review and recommend updated nutrition practice rules authorized by Title 37, Chapter 25 Nutritionist. Next meeting: July 24, 2009
Nebraska	Register License	Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy	Yes	1988	Title protection and licensure.	Consultation "shall be performed under the consultation of a licensed physician" Called "Medical Nutrition Therapist" and involves the assessment of patient nutritional status followed by treatment, ranging from diet modification to specialized nutrition support, such as determining nutrient needs for enteral and parenteral nutrition, and monitoring to evaluate patient response to such treatment
Nevada	Title Protection for dietitian	No Licensure Board	Yes	1995	Basic bill	Must be registered with the Commission on Dietetic Registration, the credentialing agency for the American Dietetic Association
New Hampshire	License for dietitians.	Board of Licensed Dietitians	Yes	2000	Standard ADA bill	Chapter hosting a seminar on June 24th entitled "Drug-Supplement Interactions: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly"



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New Jersey	N/A	N/A	Yes	N/A		Introduced: Dietitian/Nutritionist Licensing Act S1941/A2933. The Dietitians Bill has passed New Jersey's Assembly Health Committee S1941 is sitting with the Commerce Committee and no date has been scheduled for it to be voted on
New Mexico	License for dietitian, nutritionist and nutrition associates	Nutrition and Dietetic Practice Board	Yes	1997	Standard ADA bill	
New York	Certify for dietitians and nutritionists	Dietetics and Nutrition	Yes	1991		Includes the CBNS certifying examination
North Carolina	License for dietitian and nutritionist	Board of Dietetics/Nutrition	Yes	1991		While their exemptions are fairly standard. "When the law was enacted in 1991, exemptions had to be made in order to get passage. Now the legislative climate may be more conducive to making changes in the law. Strengthening the scope of practice and reducing the exemptions will require a dedicated volunteer effort from every licensed dietitian/nutritionist in North Carolina."
North Dakota	License for dietitian and nutritionist	Board of Dietetic Practice	Yes	1985	Standard ADA bill	Note licensed nutritionists must: Maintain membership in one of the following organizations: American Institute of Nutrition, American Society for Clinical Nutrition, or the American Board of Nutrition
Ohio	License for dietitians	Board of Dietetics	Yes	1986		K) For purposes of division (B)(2) of section 4759.02 of the Revised Code, the terms "Nutritionist", "Nutrition counselor" and like terms tend to indicate the person is practicing dietetics
Oklahoma	License for dietitian	The Oklahoma Licensed Dietitians Committee	Yes	1984, amended 1989		Note: no exemptions could be found in law or regulations.
Oregon	License for dietitians	State Board of Examiners	Yes	1989	Standard ADA bill	



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Pennsylvania	License for dietitian-nutritionist	State Board of Nursing	Yes	2002		Includes the CBNS certifying examination History of the licensure efforts by ADA chapter.
Rhode Island	License for dietitian and nutritionist	Board of Dietetics Practice	Yes	1992, last amended in 2007	Standard ADA bill	
South Carolina	License for dietitians	South Carolina Panel for Dietetics	Yes	2006		Note: the bill was vetoed by the Governor, then the House & Senate overrode the veto.
South Dakota	License for dietitian and nutritionist	Board of Osteopathic & Medical Examiners	Yes	1998	Standard ADA bill	
Tennessee	License for dietitian/nutritionist	Board of Dietitian and Nutritionist Examiners	Yes	1987		Education policy statement adopted in May 2009 by Board.
Texas	License for dietitian	Board of Examiners of Dietitians	Yes	1993	Standard ADA bill	The Board is proposing changes to its current rules concerning the licensing and regulation of dietitians.
Utah	Certify for dietitians	Board	Yes	1993		
Vermont	Certify for dietitians	Office of Professional Regulations	Yes	1993		
Virginia	Title Protection for dietitian and nutritionists	N/A	Yes	1995		The law states that “No person shall hold himself out to be or advertise or permit to be advertised that such person is a dietitian or nutritionist unless such person: Has an active certificate of the Certification Board for Nutrition Specialists”
Washington	Certify for dietitian and nutritionist	Dept. of Health	Yes	1988		Note: the state chapter added a Licensure Task Force to the Board. The Task Force will look at the questions raised from the recently conducted licensure survey. They will make recommendations on how the organization should proceed on the licensure question
West Virginia	License for dietitian	Board of Licensed Dietitians	Yes	2000		
Wisconsin	Certify	Department of Regulation	Yes	1994	Introduced a bill to license	Bill Read first time and referred to committee



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		and Licensing, Dietitians Affiliated Credentialing Board				on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue. Next mtg of Credential board is Thursday, October 15, 2009
Wyoming	N/A	N/A	Yes			