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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements set forth in the Illinois Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), my office has conducted a review of the Dietitian Nutritionist Practice Act (225 ILCS 30), which is scheduled to sunset on January 1, 2023. As a result of this review, it is recommended to the General Assembly that:

The Dietitian Nutritionist Practice Act (225 ILCS 30) should be continued with the following modifications to its existing statutory and administrative rule framework.

- Require licensees to provide an email address of record with the Department (225 ILCS 30/10).
- Repeal the making of licensee rosters, including name and address, available upon request and payment (225 ILCS 30/90). Roster information, such as personal addresses, exceeds the information available under a Freedom of Information Act request.
- Allow for a notice of hearing to be served by mail or email rather than by registered or certified mail (225 ILCS 30/105).

Dietitian nutritionists are licensed individuals who practice dietetics and nutrition services. Dietetics and nutrition services involve the application of food and nutrition licenses through nutrition counseling, nutrition assessment, medical nutrition therapy including medically prescribed diets, and restorative nutrition care. Continued licensure and regulation of dietitian nutritionists will ensure individuals providing such services have achieved educational and training requirements while ensuring continued adherence to industry standards of practice in order to maintain licensure, the result of which will promote and enhance public health safety and welfare.

The absence of regulation of the dietetics and nutrition industry would pose a significant and direct harm to the welfare of the public. Currently, there is not sufficient evidence to suggest that the burdens imposed by regulation outweigh the benefits to the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois in continuing the regulation of this profession. Consequently, the continuation of this regulation is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the people of Illinois.

The full report provided by the Governor's Office of Management and Budget is provided as reference.

Very Sincerely and Respectfully,
JB Pritzker
Governor