

## VOTE YES ON THE

### LICENSED CLINICAL NUTRITIONISTS TITLE ACT HB 1942

#### I respectfully urge you to vote YES on the Licensed Clinical Nutritionists Title Act.

This bill is a Title Act, which would license “Clinical Nutritionists” under the Texas Department of Professional Licensing and the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The intention of the proposed Title Act is to define, establish, and protect the title and the profession of Clinical Nutrition through a Title Act.

#### The purpose of the House Bill is:

- **to define the scope of practice** of the profession of clinical nutrition.
- **to recognize clinical nutrition** as a legitimate health care profession whose definition and licensed title is regulated by the Texas State Department of Professional Licensing.
- **to define and protect the title “licensed clinical nutritionist”**.
- **protect the consumers of the State of Texas** from attempts by other groups to establish a monopoly over the field of nutrition in Texas.
- **protect the consumers of Texas** from attempts to deny Texans the freedom to choose the type of nutritional care that they prefer.

#### The proposed Act would:

- Make Texas the first state to define, recognize and protect this growing health care practitioner group under the Texas Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- Elevate a well-educated and well-established profession so it may take its place with other reputable health care professions.
- Assure that applicants for professional licensure are academically qualified by requiring nutritional science-based academic degrees from “regionally accredited” academic institutions.
- Provide the freedom of other choices not dietetic for consumers who seek nutritional advice.
- Work towards educating the Texas consumer regarding nutrition standards, research and personal accountability in health care.
- Provide confidence among consumers that therapeutic products recommended by well-trained practitioners are well-researched and well-studied before recommendations are made.
- Work to enhance public knowledge that individual differences in a person’s health will require individual solutions.
- **The proposed Act is a Title Act—it provides for a defined, titled and regulated profession without putting one single person out of work.**

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