

Act 1362 (HB2110) APPROVED: 4/12/1999

By: Representative Gullett

For An Act To Be Entitled "AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF DIETARY MANAGEMENT IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle "AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF DIETARY MANAGEMENT IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1

(a) Persons responsible for the direction of food services in *long-term care facilities having more than fifty (50) beds shall, at a minimum:*

(1) Be certified as a Certified Dietary Manager or Food Service Supervisor; or

(2) Be enrolled in a food service supervisors course approved by the Office of Long-Term Care.

(b) Long-term care facilities shall meet the requirements in subsection

(a) of this section within three (3) years from the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. *Certified Dietary Managers or Food Service Supervisors shall be required to complete fifteen (15) hours of continuing education per year. The continuing education courses shall be offered by the Dietary Managers Association or a comparable body and shall be approved by the Office of Long-Term Care in order for the courses to be counted toward completion of the fifteen (15) hours.*

SECTION 3. *Long-term care facilities having fifty (50) or less beds shall allot adequate hours per week for the Certified Dietary Manager/Food Service Supervisor to perform supervisory duties.*

SECTION 4. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.