STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. CAHILL -- read once and referred to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to including the alternative and complementary integration and application of scientific principles in the scope of the practice of dietetics and nutrition

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 8001 of the education law, as added by chapter 635 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

§ 8001. Definitions. 1. Dietetics and nutrition are herein each defined as the integration and application of principles derived from the sciences of nutrition, biochemistry, physiology, food management and behavioral and social sciences**, including the alternative and complementary integration and application of such principles,** to achieve and maintain people's health **and for healing**.

2. Where the title "certified dietitian" or "certified nutritionist" is used in this article it shall mean "certified dietitian", "certified dietician", [~~or~~] "certified nutritionist"**, or "certified nutrition specialist"**.

3. A certified dietitian or certified nutritionist is one who engages in the integration and application of principles derived from the sciences of nutrition, biochemistry, physiology, food management and behavioral and social sciences**, including the alternative and complementary integration and application of such principles,** to achieve and maintain people's health **and for healing**, and who is certified as such by the department pursuant to section eight thousand four of this article. The primary function of a certified dietitian or certified nutritionist is the provision of nutrition care services that shall include:

(a) Assessing nutrition needs and food patterns;

(b) Planning for and directing the provision of food appropriate for physical and nutrition needs; [~~and~~]

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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(c) Providing nutrition counseling[~~.~~]**; and**

(d) Using nutrition in healing.

§ 2. Section 8002 of the education law, as added by chapter 635 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

§ 8002. Use of titles. Only a person certified under this article shall be authorized to use the title "certified dietitian", "certified dietician", [~~**or**~~] "certified nutritionist"**, or "certified nutrition specialist"**.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.