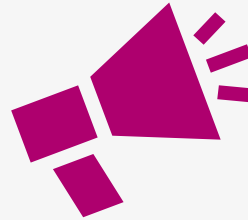


# Iowa Academy “Mini” Advocacy Webinar

January 31st, 2025



# **2025 Policy Priorities**

- Pass Dietetic Compact Legislation in Iowa
  - Expand Access to Dietitian-provided Services
  - Ensure Adequate Food and Equitable Healthcare Access
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# Dietitian Licensure Compact

- ↑ Access to/continuity of nutrition care
- ↑ Telehealth opportunities
- ↑ Income/job opportunities for RDNs
- ↑ Mobility (e.g., active duty military)
- ↓ Administrative burden



## Dietitian LICENSURE COMPACT

### What is the Dietitian Licensure Compact?

Interstate occupational licensure compacts, like the Dietitian Licensure Compact, are constitutionally authorized, legally binding, legislatively enacted contract among states. There are approximately 111,000 registered dietitians in the United States. These practitioners are currently limited to providing services within the state where they are licensed.

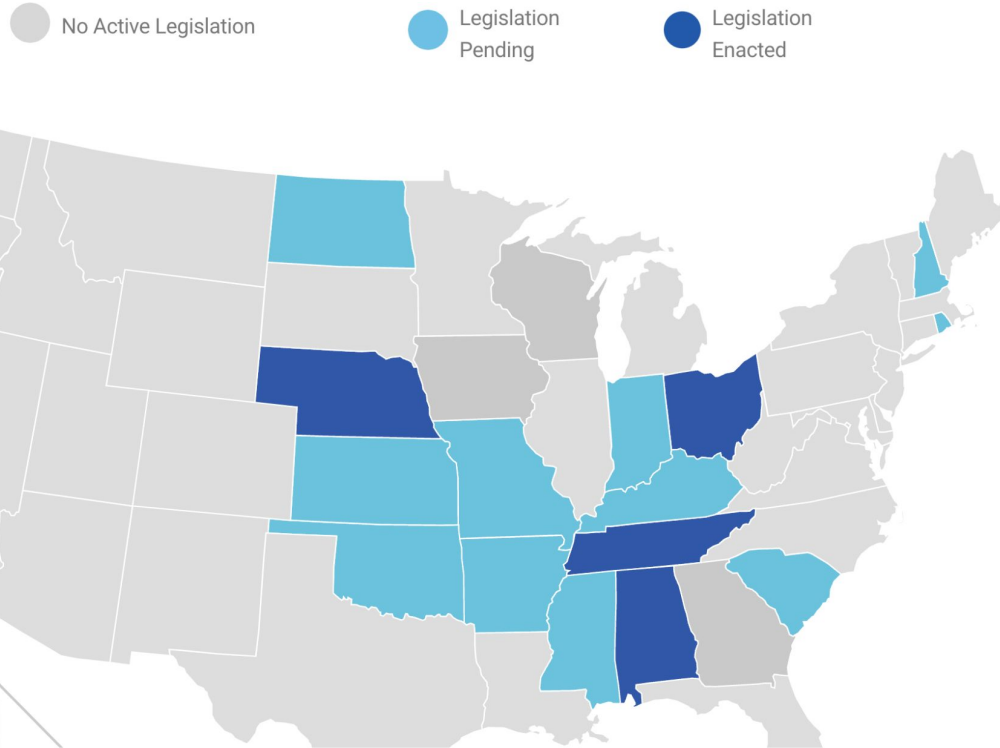
The Dietitian Licensure Compact seeks to provide licensees with opportunities for multistate practice, increase mobility for individuals who are relocating, improve public safety and promote workforce development by reducing unnecessary licensure burdens.

### Who can use the Dietitian Licensure Compact?

#### Interstate Compacts in Other Professions

- Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC)
- Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) and Advanced Practice Nurse Compact (APRN)
- Emergency Medical Services Officials Licensure Compact

<https://compacts.csg.org/compact-updates/the-interstate-compact-for-dietitians/>



**As of 1/26/25:**

Passed in 4 states  
(Ohio, Nebraska,  
Tennessee,  
Alabama)

Legislation pending  
in 11 states

# Key Legislative Dates

**First Day of Session:** January 13th

**Funnel Week I:** March 7th- bills must make it through a Senate or House committee to survive

**Funnel Week II:** April 4th- bills must pass through both a Senate and House committee to survive

**110th Day of Session:** May 2nd



## 91st Iowa General Assembly 2025 IOWA LEGISLATIVE SESSION TIMETABLE\*



*Note: This Session Timetable is subject to change  
\*See SCR4 and HR 3 (2023), SR 3 (2019), and SR 113 (2020)*

JANUARY 13	First day of session (Iowa Code Sec. 2.1)
FEBRUARY 14 (Friday of the 5. week)	Final day for individual Senator and Representative requests for bill and joint resolution drafts to the Legislative Services Agency (Senate Rule 21 and House Rule 20)
MARCH 7 (Friday of the 8. week)**	Final date for Senate bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of Senate Committees and House bills and joint resolutions out of House committees (Joint Rule 20)
MARCH 17-21 (10. week)**	Senate considers only Senate bills, Senate joint resolutions, and unfinished business House considers only House bills, House joint resolutions, and unfinished business (Joint Rule 20)
MARCH 24- APRIL 4 (11. and 12. weeks)	Debate not limited by rule
APRIL 4 (Friday of the 12. week)**	Final date for Senate bills and joint resolutions to be reported out of House committees and House bills and joint resolutions out of Senate committees (Joint Rule 20)
APRIL 7-11 (13. week)**	Senate considers only House bills, House joint resolutions, and unfinished business House considers only Senate bills, Senate joint resolutions, and unfinished business (Joint Rule 20)
APRIL 14 (Beginning of the 14. week)	Only the following bills and resolutions are eligible for consideration: (Joint Rule 20) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bills passed by both Houses</li><li>• Appropriations Bills</li><li>• Ways and Means Bills</li><li>• Government Oversight Bills</li><li>• Legalizing Acts</li><li>• Administrative Rules Review Committee Bills</li><li>• Committee Bills related to delayed or suspended Administrative Rules (Iowa Code Sec. 17A.801)</li><li>• Bills co-sponsored by Majority and Minority Leaders of one House</li><li>• Conference Committee Reports</li><li>• Companion Bills sponsored by Senate and House Majority Leaders</li><li>• Concurrent or Simple Resolutions</li><li>• Joint Resolutions nullifying Administrative Rules</li><li>• Bills on the Vote Calendar (Joint Rule 20)</li><li>• Unfinished Business</li></ul>
APRIL 14 (Beginning of the 14. week)	House amendments need not be filed on the day preceding floor debate (House Rule 21.8)
MAY 2	110th calendar day of the session (Præ term expense and - Iowa Code Sec. 2.10(1))

# Refresher: Bill Process

- A bill is introduced by a legislator in the House or Senate.
- The bill is assigned to a committee for study and recommendations.
- If approved by the committee, the bill is debated and voted on by the full chamber.

## **If passed:**

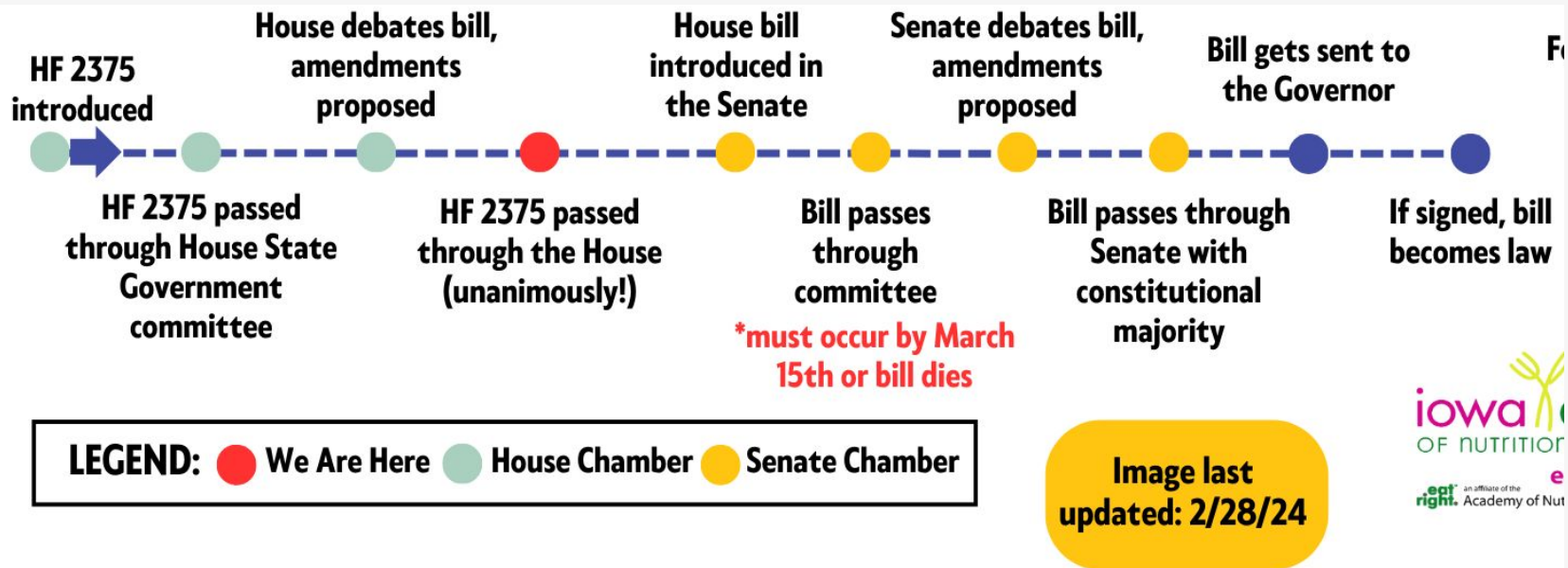
- The bill moves to the other chamber, where it undergoes a similar process.
- Differences between House and Senate versions are reconciled.

# Refresher: Bill Process (cont.)

## Final steps:

- The reconciled bill is sent to the Governor for approval or veto.
  - If signed or if a veto is overridden, the bill becomes law.
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# Example: Bill Process 2024 Compact





# **Bills Monitoring**

**Double Up Food Bucks:** [SSB 2012](#), passed Senate subcommittee (Health and Human Services)

**Eating Disorder Insurance Coverage:** [HF 58](#), introduced, referred to Commerce

**Grocer Reinvestment Fund and Fruit and Vegetable Processing Grant Program:** [HF 59](#), passed House subcommittee (Economic Growth and Technology)

# Rulemaking

[ARC 8799C](#)- Continuing education for dietitians, 922.2(4)

**Public comment:** February 11th

“Licensees who complete continuing education hours in excess of the requirements for renewal may apply up to 50 percent of the required hours to the following renewal period. Licensees may apply a maximum of 15 hours from the previous renewal period.”

# Opportunities to Take Action

- **Day on the Hill:** Tuesday, February 25th
- **Email legislator in support of DUFEB** (particularly if on HHS senate committee)
- **Educate yourself on the compact and be prepared to contact your legislator.**
- <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>
- **Leadership opportunities:**
  - State Regulatory Specialist (opening now)
  - State Policy Representative (opening in June 2025)