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This phrase means of course once per academic year.

Whereas the application of the provisions of the law for the purpose of students' graduation requires a definition of the years of specialization, and whereas the government's permission is required to amend the amounts mentioned in the text of the law without the need for a new law each time.

Therefore, we submit to the honorable House of Representatives the attached draft law. We hope that it will be approved.

LAW Nr.248

Establishing a mandatory union for nutritionists and meal planning in Lebanon
The House of Representatives has approved, and the President of the Republic has published the following law:

The House of Deputies has approved, and the President of the Republic has published the following law:

The President of the Republic shall promulgate the following law:

Article One :

The draft law contained in Decree No. 8639 dated August 8, 2012, aiming to establish a Mandatory Union for Specialists in Nutrition and Meal Planning in Lebanon, as amended by the Administration and Justice Committee, was approved.

This law shall be effective upon its publication in the Official Gazette

Baabda, April 2025

Issued by the President of the Republic

Signature: Michel Aoun

Issued by the President of the Republic Prime Minister

Mohamad Najib Mikati



THE LAW

Establishes a mandatory union for specialists in nutrition and meal planning in Lebanon.

CHAPTER ONE:

The Purpose of the Union

ARTICLE ONE :

For Specialists in the Profession of Nutrition and Meal Planning in Lebanon, there is one union that includes all specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning in the Lebanese Republic who are authorized to practice the profession by the Ministry of Public Health

Article 2 :

The mission of the Syndicate of Nutritionists and Meal Planners in Lebanon is a health, scientific and administrative profession whose goal is to:

- Unite the word of nutritionists and meal planners in Lebanese preserve heir moral and material rights and legitimate interests, raise tlevel profession an ensure its ethics and dignity.
- Conducting continuing education courses for licensed professionals in the profession with the aim of keeping pace with the scientific development of licensed professionals and establishing a mechanism for renewing membership. Seeking to develop the science of nutrition and meal planning from scientific and practical aspects and raise its level in a manner that is consistent with global professional developments and diversity specializations.
- Cooperating with the Ministry of Public Health, public administrations, public institutions, municipalities and organizations concerned with health affairs in order to secure the best health projects and services. Participation in formulating health policy through representing the



Syndicate in the Supreme Health Council and planning committees and councils all the national level.

- Expressing an opinion on draft laws or proposed laws and regulations related to the profession of nutrition science and meal planning, based on the request of the relevant reviewer.
- Working on developing scientific research that serves the profession of nutrition and meal planning, raises its level, and helps serve health and scientific affairs.
- Encourages scientific research in the field of nutrition and meal planning, and benefits from this research and studies in the social, economic, and health fields,
- Coordination with the concerned health unions, especially doctors' unions, in expressing opinions and exchanging information and research that serves the public health interest and has a positive impact on human health and the environment.
- Organizing scientific, national, regional and international conferences with the aim of updating and evaluating the scientific foundations of nutrition sciences by identifying the latest scientific developments in this field and thus maintaining the high scientific level in practicing the profession.
- Establishing a retirement fund under a law, granting financial assistance developing internal regulations and submitting them to the Minister of public Health for approval accordance with applicable laws.
- Seeking to resolve disputes that arise between specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning in Lebanon or between them and other health and medical professionals, and even with patients, citizens, and all those arising from practicing the profession.
- Follow up on the work of members in the profession of nutrition and meal planning in Lebanon and take the necessary measures against those who violate its laws and the duties and performance of the profession.



-Strengthening professional ties, establishing the best relationships between members, and striving to establish a home for specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning in Lebanon.

- Working on issuing a magazine concerned with the affairs of the profession of nutrition and meal planning in Lebanon and its workers..

Article 3 :

No specialist in the profession of nutrition and meal planning in Lebanon is entitled to work in all Lebanese territories unless his name is registered in the Syndicate's register.

Article 4 :

In addition to the conditions stipulated in the Law on the Practice of the Profession of Nutrition and Meal Regulation issued by Law No. 623 issued on 11/20/2004

A = Anyone who requests to register his name in the Syndicate's list must meet the following conditions together on the date of submitting the application

- 1) To be Lebanese
- 2) To be a Lebanese priest on the date of submitting the application
- 3) To enjoy all his civil rights
- 4) Not to have been convicted of a felony or attempted felony of any kin Or of a shameful misdemeanor of those stipulated in Article Five of the Law Regulating the Practice of the Profession of Nutrition and Meal Regulation Except after obtaining rehabilitation .



5) He must have the necessary qualifications to practice the profession of nutrition and organize meals according to the applicable laws and regulations.

B- He must attach the following documents to his application:

- 1) A certified copy of the university degree in nutrition science and meal organization according to the law of practicing the profession No. 623 of the issuer dated 11/20/2004
- 2) A certified copy of the license to practice the profession issued by the Ministry of Health
- 3) passport photo
- 4) The e-mail of the applicant Send feedback.

Article 5 :

The Syndicate Council shall consider the application in the first session it holds after the date of its

submission, or within a maximum period of two months from the date of registration in the

Secretariat of the Syndicate Council, and shall decide on its statement if it meets the legal

requirements. It shall not have the right to reject any application that meets the requirements except

with clear treatment of this rejection.

The owner of the rejected application may appeal to the Beirut Civil Court of Appeal, which

considers union cases, within a period of fifteen days from the date of notification of the decision,

or after two months have passed from the date of submitting the application and not deciding on it.



CHAPTER TWO

Organizing the Syndicate

Article One : The General Assembly

Article 6 :

The General Assembly consists of all specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning in Lebanon whose names are registered in the Syndicate's roster, and its decisions apply to all members, including absentees and defaulters.

Article 7 :

The Syndicate is represented by a council elected by the General Assembly in accordance with what is stated in this law, headed by the President of the Syndicate of Nutritionists and Meal Planners in Lebanon.

Article 8 :

The regular general assembly of the union meets once a year in the first half of November. The extraordinary general assembly also meets based on a decision taken by the union council by a two-thirds majority or based on a request submitted to the union council by five members who are specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning in Lebanon and whose names are registered in the list and who have paid their annual subscriptions, provided that the meeting takes place within one month from the date the union council receives this request.

Article 9 :

Only specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning in Lebanon who are registered in the union's list and who have paid the annual subscription fee two months before the general assembly is held are eligible to participate in the general assembly.



Article 10 :

The following shall be removed from the Syndicate's list by a decision of the Council:

- Every member against whom a disciplinary decision has been issued prohibiting him from practicing the profession permanently
- Every member who has been late without a legitimate excuse in paying the annual subscription fee for two consecutive years after receiving the warning, and he shall not have the right to request to register his name again except after paying the late fees, including re-paying the membership fee.

-The Syndicate Council may, upon the request of the President and by a reasoned decision, suspend the membership of a member for a specific and fixed period. This member must take the initiative to settle his situation for which he was not re-register and referred to the Disciplinary Council. In accordance with the provisions of Article (38) of this law .

A member wishing to suspend his membership in the Syndicate may submit a written request to the Syndicate Council shall take the appropriate decision. In both of the latter cases, the member whose membership has been suspended shall be prevented from practicing the profession until the end of the membership suspension period.

Article 11 :

-The General Assembly is chaired by the President, and in the event of his absence or inability to attend, he is deputized by the Vice President, the Secretary of the Council, and the oldest member.

Article 12 :

-The ordinary general assembly shall not be considered legal unless attended by more than half of the members who have paid their annual subscriptions. The extraordinary general assembly shall not be considered legal unless attended by two-thirds of the members. In both cases, if the legal quorum is not met, the members shall be invited again within a maximum period of one month. The ordinary and extraordinary general assembly shall be considered legal with those present.



The meeting invitation shall be notified by publication in three local newspapers, whether printed or electronic, and on the Syndicate's website, at least fifteen days before the meeting date.

-The Ordinary General Assembly shall take its decisions by a majority of two-thirds of the members present. The Ordinary General Assembly shall take its decisions by a majority of two-thirds of the members present. The Ordinary General Assembly shall take its decisions by a majority of two-thirds of the members present

Article 13 :

A-In the powers of the Ordinary General Assembly

The Ordinary General Assembly is responsible for the following matters:

- Determining general recommendations for the various activities of the Syndicate
- Electing the Syndicate Council, the Syndicate President, and two members of the Disciplinary Council
- Approving the decisions presented to it by the Syndicate Council
- Discussing the financial report and approving the annual budget
- Auditing the accounts of the previous year and approving the opening of the account
- Discussing the agenda and taking appropriate decisions regarding it
- Determining the membership fee and the annual subscription fee imposed on specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning

B - In the powers of the extraordinary general assembly

The Extraordinary General Assembly shall consider urgent matters related to the profession and specified in the invitation request or in the Council's decision, and to dispose of the union's funds, amend the internal regulations, and dissolve the union.



Second summary: The Syndicate Council:

Article 14:

The Syndicate Council consists of twelve members elected by the General Assembly in its annual general meeting. The General Assembly elects them in its annual general meeting and elects from among them the Secretary of the same session.

Article 15 :

The members of the Syndicate Council and the President are elected by secret ballot for a period of four years. The term of half the members ends every two years. Voting is by absolute majority in the first round and by ordinary majority in the second round. In case of a tie, the eldest wins.

Article 16 :

It is necessary to set a date for the first meeting of the Syndicate Council after its election and to determine the results. The members whose term has expired may be re-elected once, and they may not be re-elected for a second time except after the expiry of at least one term of the Council. Half of the members whose term has expired may be elected by lot upon the expiry of the first two years, with the exception of the President.

Article 17 :

Every Lebanese registered in the Syndicate and who has practiced the profession for at least five years has the right to nominate himself for membership in the Syndicate. A Lebanese specialist in the profession of nutrition and meal planning who has practiced the profession for at least ten years, including five years on Lebanese territory, has the right to nominate himself for the position of Syndicate President

Article 18 :

The term of the captain is four years and he may not be re-elected until four years have passed since the end of his term.



Article 19 :

Within fifteen days at most after the general elections, the Syndicate Council shall meet at the invitation of the President. It shall elect from among its members a Deputy President, a Deputy President, a Secretary, a Secretary-Treasurer and a Treasurer for a period of two years after the election of the President. They shall form, together with the President, the Council Bureau. In the event of a tie between the candidates, the eldest shall win.

Article 20 :

The captain represents the union of specialists in the profession of nutrition science and meal organization and defends its rights and interests. He is charged with implementing the decisions of the general assembly and the decisions of the union council and sues in the name of the union in accordance with the applicable procedures.

Article 21 :

Any member against whom a disciplinary decision has been issued imposing a penalty other than reprimand, warning, or demotion shall be deemed to have resigned from the Syndicate Council. Any member who is absent from three consecutive Council meetings without a legitimate legal excuse after being warned in writing shall also be deemed to have resigned from the Syndicate Council.

Article 22 :

If a seat on the council becomes vacant before the end of his term, the vacant seat shall be filled for the remaining period by the candidate who received the largest number of votes in the previous elections. In the event of a tie, the eldest shall win. If a third or more of the council seats become vacant at once, the general assembly shall be called to fill the vacant seats .positions in the election session and for the remaining period as well.

Article 23 :

The Syndicate Council shall be considered dissolved if the number of vacant positions in it exceeds half of its members, and new elections shall be held



within a period of two months at most from the date of its being considered dissolved, and Article 16 of this law shall be observed.

The President remains in his position until new elections and conducts the union's business with the remaining members of the council. If the union's council also becomes vacant, the Minister of Public Health may appoint a temporary committee to manage the union's business until elections are held.

Article 24 :

The Syndicate Council shall hold a session at the invitation of the President at the earliest every legal month unless attended by at least seven of its members, including the President or Deputy President, and the invitation shall include a statement of the topics included on the agenda. The Syndicate Council shall hold its meeting at the Syndicate's headquarters.

Article 25 :

The Vice-President shall act in place of the President in the event of his absence or the vacancy of his position for any reason and shall exercise all his powers while performing this task. The functions and powers of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be determined in the internal regulations.

Article 26 :

The Syndicate Council takes its decisions by a majority of votes. In the event of a tie, the Syndicate Council takes its decisions by a majority of votes. In the event of a tie, the Syndicate President's vote is decisive.

Article 27 :

Every person with a capacity and interest and the Public Prosecution Office may appeal the decisions of the Syndicate Council within a period of ten days from the date of notification in accordance with legal procedures.

The appeal shall be submitted to the Court of Appeal, which shall decide on it after adding to its panel two members from the Syndicate Council chosen by the aforementioned Council. This court may also decide on any dispute if it is not



possible for two members from the Syndicate Council to join it due to the dissolution of the Council or its refusal to participate in the court panel.

Article 28 :

The powers and functions of the Syndicate Council are:

- Establishing and amending the internal regulations of the Syndicate, the internal regulations of the Retirement Fund, and the internal regulations of employees. These regulations shall not become effective unless approved by the Syndicate by a two-thirds majority of its members and ratified by the Ministry of Public Health.
- Implementing the decisions and recommendations of the General Assembly
- Deciding on applications for membership in the Syndicate
- Managing the Syndicate's funds and collecting the membership fee and annual subscription fee approved by the General Assembly
- Preparing the annual report on the Syndicate's activities, work and achievements and presenting it to the General Assembly at its regular meeting
- Preparing plans, programs, studies and research that achieve the union's objectives, taking into consideration the recommendations of the General Assembly in this field.
- Preparing the draft budget and the annual account and presenting them to the General Assembly.
- Monitoring the adherence of all specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning to the laws and ethics of the profession and the extent of their commitment to their duties.
- Seeking to resolve disputes that arise between specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning and others related to practicing the profession
- Contacting the authorities, public administrations, public and private bodies, organizations, unions and references in everything related to the interests of the union.



- Forming the committees and bodies necessary to manage the work of the union. It is also possible to contract with specialists for specific tasks determined by the union council.
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- Carrying out all tasks related to the union management and not within the powers and functions of the general assembly.
- Expressing an opinion on all projects and regulations referred to it by the competent authorities.
- Granting subsidies to union members according to criteria determined by the union council.

Article 29 :

The union's funds are kept in banks registered in the official list of banks. No amount may be withdrawn or disbursed except by payment orders signed by the president or his deputy in his absence and by the treasurer, together and not individually.

CHAPTER THREE

Committees & Scientific Bodies

Their Formation and Powers

First : On Committees

- a) The committees are composed as follows:
- b) Financial Committee
- c) Administrative and Professional Committee
- d) Academic Committee
- e) Social, Public Relations, International and Media Committee

The committees are composed of five members chosen by the Syndicate Council in its first session after



its election for a period of two years, two members from the Syndicate Council and three members from outside it.

The committee shall elect from its members in its first meeting after its formation, a chairman who must be one of the two members of the Syndicate Council, and a secretary to manage its affairs, with the exception of the financial and professional administrative committees. The committee shall hold periodic meetings once a month at least at the invitation of its president

Secondly : In scientific bodies :

Specialized scientific bodies are established to work within the scope of the union and their internal regulations are established by a decision of the union council.

Scientific bodies and legal entities do not enjoy

Article 31 : Financial Committee:

This committee is headed by the treasurer of the union and is entrusted with the following tasks and powers:

- A) Collecting the union's funds against receipts with a counterfoil signed by the treasurer and the president and recorded in a special register kept for this purpose
- B) Preserving the union's funds and no amount may be disbursed except based on a decision of the union's council. However, if the amount to be disbursed does not exceed three times the minimum wage, it may be disbursed based on a request from the president, provided that this disbursement remains in the first meeting of the union's council
- C) Preparing the annual financial report, the final account and the draft budget to be presented to the union's council and the general assembly for approval.
- D) Its president, the treasurer, and the president sign receipts and bonds for withdrawing the union's funds from the approved bank and all transactions related to the union's funds.
- E) Keeping a register in which the union's revenues and expenditures are recorded.



F) In the case that the position of the head of the finance committee becomes vacant, the union's council shall meet immediately to elect a successor. meet immediately to elect a successor.

Article 32 : Administrative and Professional Committee

This committee is headed by the Secretary of the Syndicate and assists him in carrying out the following tasks and powers:

A) Issuing invitations to regular and extraordinary general assembly meeting and Syndicate Council meetings upon the request of the President. The invitation must include the agenda Of the session to be held.

B) Receiving all correspondence related to the union, recording it in the incoming register, and keeping it in

files after the president and members of the union council review it at their first meeting.

C) Keeping a special register of the names of the participating members, their addresses and places of work, and for this purpose a file for each affiliated member shall be kept in the union.

D) The Chairman of the Committee shall sign with the President all decisions, correspondence, statements, invitations, membership cards, and all transactions issued by the Syndicate, and shall record them in the issued register and keep a copy thereof.

E) Hiring the union's administrators to complete administrative work in the union after the council's approvals

F) The committee, in cooperation with the president, proposes the names of members of the General Assembly from all governorates as administrative delegates to facilitate the administrative and union communication process between the Syndicate Council and the General Assembly.

G) Preparing a report every six months on the union's activities, submitting it to the union's council for approval and presenting it to the general assembly when it convenes.



H) Conducting a comprehensive and continuous survey of specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning on Lebanese territory.

I) Developing insurance tenders with the president and treasurer and presenting them to the Syndicate Council for approval

Article 33 : Academic Committee

It is entrusted with the following tasks and powers:

- a) Representing the Syndicate at universities, institutes and educational institutions upon assignment from the Syndicate Council.
- b) Preparing scientific research, seminars, studies, lectures and programs related to the work of the Syndicate that raise its level and the level of its members and submitting them to the Syndicate Council and then working to publish them in the Syndicate Magazine
- c) Working on preparing programs, lectures and guidance tools for secondary and university students approved by the Syndicate Council
- d) Submitting proposals to the Syndicate Council aimed at preparing and organizing continuing education programs for Syndicate members
- e) Follow up on research and studies that can be conducted by a member of the union and submit a proposal to the union council to provide assistance to him when necessary
- f) Proposes to the union council studies and evaluation forms related to the needs of members
- g) Responsible for the library, archives and documentation in the union
- h) Supervises the scientific and educational aspect of the union magazine
- i) Represents the union in the colloquium examination committees upon the proposal of the union council and the assignment of the Minister of Education and Higher Education.



- j) The committee sets its annual budget and submits it to the Syndicate Council for approval, as part of the Syndicate's budget. The Syndicate Council may take the appropriate decision, either to approve it or to amend it.
- k) Supervising the specialized bodies affiliated with the Syndicate.

Article 34 : Social, Public, International and Media Relations Committee:

The committee is responsible for:

- a) Participating in the meetings of a reporting nature in the union's international and local relations.
- b) Following up on files with internal and external bodies and twinning projects and informing the union council of the events and results later to take appropriate decisions.
- c) Developing programs for visits carried out by the union
- d) To receive foreign delegations and organize their accommodation and visit programs based on the assignment of the union council.
- e) Contributing to providing the magazine with general and international activities
- f) Taking care of social relations with colleagues and representing the union in social events as assigned by the union council
- g) Supervising the social aspect of the union magazine
- h) Dealing with the media and attending bulletins, statements and news
- i) Studying all works of a social and media nature and preparing a detailed report on them and submitting it to the union council.

Article 35 :

In accordance with the provisions of Article Twenty-Eight of this Law, the Syndicate



Council, after the approval of the Minister of Public Health, shall establish a system for the work of the committees and their powers.

CHAPTER FOUR

Discipline

Article 36:

The following penalties shall apply to all specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning, if they violate the duties, etiquette and ethics of the profession or expose their dignity to what affects their honor, integrity or competence:

- a) Warning
 - b) Reprimand
 - c) Temporary suspension from work for a period not exceeding one year
 - d) Permanent ban from practicing the profession and deleting his name from the Syndicate's list Nutritionist and meal planner who is temporarily suspended
- is prohibited from practicing the profession for the entire period of the sentence.

Article 37 :

The Disciplinary Council is composed of five members as follows

- a) The President or his delegate as President
- b) Two members of the Syndicate Council elected by the Council
- c) Two members elected by the General Assembly, one of whom is a university professor in nutrition and meal planning. Whoever nominates himself for membership in the Disciplinary Council from outside the Syndicate Council or



has practiced the profession for at least five years on Lebanese territory. The term of office of members of the Council is two years, renewable once.

Article 38 :

Misconduct violations are referred to the Disciplinary Council by a decision of the Syndicate Council

- a) Upon a request from the Minister of Public Health to the Syndicate Council
- b) or based on a complaint from the aggrieved party, whether or not he is a specialist in the profession of nutrition and meal planning.
- c) Upon a request from the President of the Syndicate by a reasoned decision

after notifying the member referred to the Disciplinary Council in accordance with the rules.

- d) Upon a request from a specialist in the profession of nutrition and meal

after notifying the member referred to the Disciplinary Council in accordance with the after notifying the member referred to the Disciplinary Council in accordance with the himself as the subject of an unjustified accusation, his case is submitted to the Disciplinary

Article 39 :

The disciplinary board follows the principles of ordinary trial and when filing a complaint against a specialist in the profession of nutrition and meal planning, it must take into consideration his good faith

and may resort to all means of proof and summon the violator to hear him. The violator must comply with the request and answer the questions directed to him, and provide all the clarifications requested of him, and he has the right to seek the assistance of a lawyer to defend him.

Article 40 :



The Disciplinary Council shall issue its decision within a maximum period of three months from the date of notification of the decision to refer the violation. Its decision shall be confidential and shall only be communicated to the concerned party and the Minister of Public Health. The Syndicate Council and the concerned specialist have the right to transfer the case to the Court of Appeal, which shall consider it in the final instance.

Article 41 :

The decisions of the Disciplinary Council are subject to objection and appeal within a period of fifteen days starting from the date of notification.

The decisions of the Disciplinary Council are notified to the concerned party in person or by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt.

The objection is submitted to the Disciplinary Council by means of a summons and the appeal is submitted to the Beirut Court of Appeal

Article 42 :

The notification shall be made by registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt or through a notary public. The appeal brief shall be submitted to the Beirut Court of Appeal

Article 43 :

Article 43: The decisions of the Disciplinary Council and the Court of Appeal are confidential. However, if a specialist in the profession of nutrition and meal planning is convicted of a crime that affects the honor and dignity of the profession, or if he/she is convicted twice in a row within one year with a penalty more severe than reprimand, the Syndicate Council may decide by a two-thirds majority of its members to announce the decision at the Syndicate headquarters for one month.

Article 44 :

The behavioral relationship does not prevent civil and criminal prosecutions, as the violation also constitutes a crime punishable under the Penal Code.

Article 45



When a complaint is filed with the Syndicate Council, it can appoint a rapporteur from among its members to conduct a preliminary investigation. The rapporteur listens to the statements of the specialist in the profession of nutrition and meal planning, after explaining to him the content of the matters attributed to him and reviewing the file papers. He may hear the statements of witnesses and request documents. If the rapporteur deems it necessary to inspect the records, the person concerned must facilitate his task and inform him of everything necessary. When a complaint is filed with the Syndicate Council, it can appoint a rapporteur from among its members to conduct a preliminary investigation. The rapporteur listens to the statements of the specialist in the profession of nutrition and meal planning, after explaining to him the content of the matters attributed to him and reviewing the file papers. He may hear the statements of witnesses and request documents. If the rapporteur deems it necessary to inspect the records, the person concerned must facilitate his task and inform him of everything necessary.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the referee organizes his report without expressing his personal opinion and submits it to the captain, who presents it to the Syndicate Council, which decides whether it is grounds for prosecution or keeping the report.

The specialist in the profession of nutrition science and the organization of meals attends the disciplinary board with an invitation signed by the president and the secretary.

Article 46 :

The resignation submitted by the specialist in the profession of nutrition science and meal planning is not accepted and remains subject to the authority of the union in the following cases:

- a) during the disciplinary investigation
- b) If he has been suspended from work for a limited period, in which case he is not entitled to work from the profession's work or to participate in a general assembly.



CHAPTER FIVE

In the pension fund and in granting financial aid to specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning or to their families

Article 47 :

An aid fund will be established to grant financial aid to specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning or to their families, and the conditions and sources of its funding will be determined with the approval of the Minister of Public Health.

A- The items of this fund consist of:

- a) The contributions made by the union members
- b) Gifts and bequests
- c) The benefits of money

B - The methods of managing this fund are determined in the internal regulations after the approval of the Minister of Public Health.

CHAPTER SIX

General and transitional provisions:

Article 48 :

The union enjoys moral and legal personality

Article 49 :

The union is under the guardianship of the Minister of Public Health

Article 50 :

Within two months from the date of the implementation of this law, the general assembly composed of specialists in the profession of nutrition science and meal planning registered in the Ministry of Public Health will meet at the invitation of the Minister of Public Health to elect the union council and the captain in accordance with the provisions of this law



**Article 51 :**

All decisions that conflict with this law and related to the establishment of unions for specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning and issued by the Ministers of the Interior, Municipalities and Labor, shall be repealed, and shall become null and void upon the issuance of this law.

Article 52 :

his law comes into effect immediately after its publication in the official gazette

POSITIVE REASONS

Since the practice of the profession of nutrition science and the organization of meals has been regulated under Law No. 623 of 11/20/2004 and the regulatory decrees necessary for its application have been drawn up.

And since the number of those who obtained a permit to practice the profession from the Ministry of Public Health in accordance with the aforementioned law exceeds 700 specialists on the entire Lebanese territory.

And since regulating the practice of this profession and establishing a regulatory framework for its development and helping its practitioners to organize themselves within a union framework, with what goes along

This is from determining accountability mechanisms for those who violate its regulations

Therefore, a bill was prepared to establish a mandatory association for specialists in the profession of nutrition and meal planning.

We hope to Read the review and work for it

True Translation of the Arabic documents herewith attached
The Sworn Translator . date 10/2/2025 .

