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H. R. 473

To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act with respect to the qualification of the director of food services of a Medicare skilled nursing facility or a Medicaid nursing facility.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Food for Seniors
5 Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. QUALIFICATION OF DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICES**
 2 **OF A MEDICARE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY**
 3 **OR A MEDICAID NURSING FACILITY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 1819(b)(4)(A) and
 5 1919(b)(4)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 6 1395i–3(b)(4)(A), 1396r(b)(4)(A)) are each amended by
 7 adding at the end the following: “With respect to meeting
 8 the staffing requirement imposed by the Secretary to carry
 9 out clause (iv), the full-time director of food services of
 10 the facility, if not a qualified dietitian (as defined in sec-
 11 tion 483.35(a)(2) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations,
 12 as in effect as of the date of the enactment of this section),
 13 shall be a Certified Dietary Manager meeting the require-
 14 ments of the Certifying Board for Dietary Managers or
 15 have equivalent military or academic qualifications (as
 16 specified by the Secretary).”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 18 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 180
 19 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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