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H.B. No. 1004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to recognition of continuing education courses for  
3 property tax consultants.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 1152.204, Occupations Code, is amended  
6 by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (f) to read as  
7 follows:

8 (c) The commissioner may recognize an educational program  
9 or course:

10 (1) related to property tax consulting services; and

11 (2) offered or sponsored by a public provider or a  
12 recognized private provider, including:

13 (A) the comptroller;

14 (B) the State Bar of Texas;

15 (C) the Texas Real Estate Commission;

16 (D) an institution of higher education that meets  
17 program and accreditation standards comparable to those for public  
18 institutions of higher education as determined by the Texas Higher  
19 Education Coordinating Board; or

20 (E) a nonprofit ~~[and voluntary trade]~~  
21 association, institute, or organization:

22 (i) ~~[whose membership consists primarily of  
23 persons who represent property owners in property tax or  
24 transactional tax matters,~~

1                    [~~(ii)~~] that has written experience and  
2 examination requirements for membership or for granting  
3 professional designation to its members; and

4                    (ii) [~~(iii)~~] that subscribes to a code of  
5 professional conduct or ethics.

6            (f) To be eligible for recognition by the commissioner, a  
7 continuing education course offered by a private provider must be  
8 taught by an independent organization. The commissioner may not  
9 recognize a continuing education course taught by a property tax  
10 consultant trade association or an affiliate of such an  
11 association.

12            SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
13 applies only to a continuing education course offered for  
14 recognition to the commissioner of licensing and regulation on or  
15 after that date.