

By: West, Hinojosa

S.B. No. 541

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to continuing education in sustainable and
3 energy-efficient design standards for a person registered by the
4 Texas Board of Architectural Examiners.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 1051.356, Occupations Code, is amended
7 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
8 follows:

9 (b) The continuing education programs:

10 (1) must include courses relating to sustainable or
11 energy-efficient design standards; and

12 (2) may include courses relating to:

13 (A) [~~(1)~~] health, safety, or welfare; or

14 (B) [~~(2)~~] barrier-free design.

15 (b-1) As part of a certificate holder's continuing
16 education requirements for each annual registration period, the
17 board by rule shall require the certificate holder to complete at
18 least one hour of continuing education relating to sustainable or
19 energy-efficient design standards.

20 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
21 an application for the renewal of a certificate of registration
22 that is filed with the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners on or
23 after September 1, 2008. An application for the renewal of a
24 certificate of registration filed before September 1, 2008, is

1 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date
2 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that
3 purpose.

4 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2008, the Texas Board
5 of Architectural Examiners shall adopt rules, procedures, forms,
6 and fees under Section 1051.356, Occupations Code, as amended by
7 this Act.

8 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.