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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to continuing education in sustainable and  
1-9 energy-efficient design standards for a person registered by the  
1-10 Texas Board of Architectural Examiners.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 1051.356, Occupations Code, is amended  
1-13 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as  
1-14 follows:

1-15 (b) The continuing education programs:

1-16 (1) must include courses relating to sustainable or  
1-17 energy-efficient design standards; and

1-18 (2) may include courses relating to:

1-19 (A) [~~1~~] health, safety, or welfare; or

1-20 (B) [~~2~~] barrier-free design.

1-21 (b-1) As part of a certificate holder's continuing  
1-22 education requirements for each annual registration period, the  
1-23 board by rule shall require the certificate holder to complete at  
1-24 least one hour of continuing education relating to sustainable or  
1-25 energy-efficient design standards.

1-26 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
1-27 an application for the renewal of a certificate of registration  
1-28 that is filed with the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners on or  
1-29 after September 1, 2008. An application for the renewal of a  
1-30 certificate of registration filed before September 1, 2008, is  
1-31 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
1-32 of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
1-33 purpose.

1-34 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2008, the Texas Board  
1-35 of Architectural Examiners shall adopt rules, procedures, forms,  
1-36 and fees under Section 1051.356, Occupations Code, as amended by  
1-37 this Act.

1-38 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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