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H.B. No. 1190

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the continuing education requirements for optometrists and therapeutic optometrists.

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

SECTION 1. Section 351.308, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(c) An optometrist or therapeutic optometrist shall fulfill the continuing education requirements by:

(1) attending a continuing education course ~~[courses]~~ sponsored by an accredited college of optometry;

(2) attending ~~[or]~~ a course approved by the board; or

(3) completing an online or journal continuing education course sponsored by an accredited college of optometry.

(c-1) Continuing education course ~~[Course]~~ attendance or completion must be certified to the board on a form approved by the board. The license holder shall submit the certification with the license renewal application and fee or ensure that the certification is submitted on renewal of the license.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.