

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 141
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 11, 2012; January 29, 2013,
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 1-4 Services; February 18, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
 1-6 February 18, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 141 By: Huffman

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the requirements for issuance of a license to practice
 1-22 orthotics and prosthetics.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 605.252,
 1-25 Occupations Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-26 (b) The requirements for a license established by board rule
 1-27 must include the requirement that the applicant hold:

1-28 (1) a bachelor's or graduate degree in orthotics and
 1-29 prosthetics from:

1-30 (A) an education program recognized and
 1-31 accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
 1-32 Education Programs that is offered at an institution of higher
 1-33 education; or

1-34 (B) a practitioner education program that has
 1-35 education standards that are equivalent to or exceed the standards
 1-36 adopted by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
 1-37 Education Programs; or

1-38 (2) a bachelor's degree in another subject and an
 1-39 orthotic or prosthetic certificate issued by a practitioner
 1-40 education program:

1-41 (A) recognized and accredited by the Commission
 1-42 on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs; or

1-43 (B) that has education standards that are
 1-44 equivalent to or exceed the standards adopted by the Commission on
 1-45 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs.

1-46 (c) To meet the clinical residency requirements for a
 1-47 license, the applicant must complete a [at least 1,900 hours of]
 1-48 professional clinical residency that meets the requirements
 1-49 established by board rule and is conducted under the direct
 1-50 supervision of a licensed orthotist, licensed prosthetist, or a
 1-51 licensed prosthetist orthotist in the discipline for which
 1-52 licensure is sought. The clinical residency requirements adopted
 1-53 by the board must be equivalent to or exceed the standards set by
 1-54 the National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education.

1-55 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 605.258, Occupations
 1-56 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-57 (a) The board may issue a student registration certificate
 1-58 to an individual who is working toward fulfilling the requirements
 1-59 for a license as an orthotist, prosthetist, or prosthetist
 1-60 orthotist and:

