By:  Johnson S.B. No. 18

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of certain continuing education programs.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 6002.159, Insurance Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b)  The commissioner may not adopt a rule that excludes or devalues a signed or otherwise substantially verifiable certificate of training that is:

(1)  applicable to the areas of work authorized by the relevant license; and

(2)  issued by a training program or school that is:

(A)  nationally recognized; or

(B)  authorized under the Occupations Code or Education Code.

(c)  The commissioner may not adopt a rule that requires more than eight hours of [~~Participation in the~~] continuing education for any license renewal period [~~programs is voluntary~~].

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.