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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, an individual who holds
9 a title insurance agent license must complete
10 continuing education courses on a regular basis.

11 This bill would allow a title insurance
12 agent who is also an attorney to meet continuing
13 education requirements by providing certification
14 that he or she is in compliance with mandatory
15 continuing legal education course requirements of
16 the Alabama State Bar Association.

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18 A BILL
19 TO BE ENTITLED
20 AN ACT

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22 Relating to title insurance agents; to amend Section
23 27-25-4.4, Code of Alabama 1975, by allowing a title insurance
24 agent who is also an attorney to meet continuing education
25 requirements by providing certification that he or she is in
26 compliance with mandatory continuing legal education course
27 requirements of the Alabama State Bar Association.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. Section 27-25-4.4, Code of Alabama 1975,
3 is amended to read as follows:

4 "§27-25-4.4.

5 "(a) An individual who holds a title insurance agent
6 license shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 24 hours of
7 continuing education courses as may be approved by the
8 commissioner, of which three hours shall be in ethics,
9 reported to the commissioner on a biennial basis in
10 conjunction with the license renewal cycle.

11 "(b) This section shall not apply to licensees not
12 licensed for one full year prior to the end of the applicable
13 continuing education biennium.

14 "(c) Only continuing education courses and providers
15 approved by the commissioner shall be used to satisfy the
16 continuing education requirements of this section. Continuing
17 education providers and courses shall be subject to the same
18 requirements and fees set forth in Chapter 8A.

19 "(d) The commissioner shall prescribe the number of
20 hours of continuing education credit for each continuing
21 education course approved. Continuing education courses
22 submitted in accordance with a reciprocal agreement the
23 commissioner enters with other states shall be approved
24 according to the provisions of the reciprocal agreement.

25 "(e) If a continuing education course requires
26 successful completion of a written examination, no continuing

1 education credit shall be given to licensees who do not
2 successfully complete the written examination.

3 "(f) An individual teaching any approved continuing
4 education course shall qualify for the same number of hours of
5 continuing education credit as would be granted to a licensee
6 taking and satisfactorily completing the course.

7 "(g) A licensee who is also an attorney meets the
8 continuing education course requirements of this section if he
9 or she provides a certification from the Alabama State Bar
10 Association that the licensee has complied with the mandatory
11 continuing legal education requirements of the Alabama State
12 Bar Association."

13 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
14 first day of the third month following its passage and
15 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.