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3 By Senator Holley
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there is no requirement
9 for attorneys who practice in the area of
10 immigration law to complete continuing education
11 courses in the area of immigration law.

12 This bill provides that an attorney who
13 practices in the area of immigration law must
14 complete continuing education courses pertaining to
15 immigration law.

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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to attorneys and the practice of
22 immigration law; to provide that attorneys who practice
23 immigration law complete continuing legal education courses in
24 the area of immigration law.

25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

26 Section 1. (a) Any person whose qualification to
27 practice law in Alabama is subject to Section 40-12-49 and who

1 practices in the area of immigration law shall attend a
2 minimum of fifty (50) hours of approved continuing legal
3 education in the area of immigration law each calendar year.

4 (b) The requirements in subsection (a) shall be in
5 addition to any other continuing legal education requirements
6 provided by rule or regulation of the Alabama State Bar.

7 (c) All continuing legal education courses in the
8 area of immigration law shall be approved by the Alabama State
9 Bar and subject to all rules and regulations of the Alabama
10 State Bar in order to meet the requirements of subsection (a).

11 (d) Any person subject to the requirements of this
12 section shall also be subject to all rules and regulations
13 adopted by the Alabama State Bar relating to continuing legal
14 education, including, but not limited to, any penalty for
15 failure to complete continuing legal education requirements.

16 Section 2. This act shall become effective on
17 January 1, 2013 following its passage and approval by the
18 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.