

House Bill 68 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Kidd of the 145th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-34-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 continuing education requirements for physicians, acupuncture, physician assistants, cancer
3 and glaucoma treatment, respiratory care, clinical perfusionists, and orthotics and prosthetics
4 practice, so as to revise provisions relating to continuing education requirements for persons
5 licensed to practice orthotics or prosthetics; to provide for related matters; to repeal
6 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Code Section 43-34-11 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to continuing
10 education requirements for physicians, acupuncture, physician assistants, cancer and
11 glaucoma treatment, respiratory care, clinical perfusionists, and orthotics and prosthetics
12 practice, is amended by revising subsection (a) as follows:

13 "(a)(1) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of a license,
14 certificate, or permit under this chapter to complete board approved continuing education
15 of not less than 40 hours biennially. The board shall be authorized to approve courses
16 offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional
17 organizations, including, but not limited to, the American Medical Association, the
18 National Medical Association, and the American Osteopathic Association, the number
19 of hours required, and the category in which these hours should be earned. This
20 paragraph shall not apply to respiratory care professionals, persons seeking renewal of
21 certification as respiratory care professionals, clinical perfusionists, ~~or~~ persons seeking
22 renewal of licensure as a clinical perfusionist, licensed orthotists or prosthetists, or
23 persons seeking renewal of licensure as an orthotist or prosthetist.

24 (2) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of certification as
25 respiratory care professionals under Article 6 of this chapter to complete board approved
26 continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of

27 continuing education required biennially for renewal of certification as a respiratory care
28 professional and the categories in which these hours should be earned. The board shall
29 be authorized to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty
30 societies, or professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this
31 paragraph shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of Code Section 43-34-143.

32 (3) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licensure as
33 clinical perfusionists under Article 7 of this chapter to complete board approved
34 continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of
35 continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure as a clinical perfusionist
36 and the categories in which these hours should be earned. The board shall be authorized
37 to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or
38 professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph
39 shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of Code Section 43-34-172.

40 (4) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licensure to
41 practice orthotics or prosthetics under Article 8 of this chapter to complete board
42 approved continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number
43 of hours of continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure to practice
44 orthotics or prosthetics and the categories in which these hours should be earned,
45 however, the maximum number of hours of continuing education required for renewal
46 of licensure shall not exceed 40 hours. The board shall be authorized to approve courses
47 offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or professional
48 organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph shall be taken
49 in conformity with the provisions of subsection (a) of Code Section 43-34-200."

50 **SECTION 2.**

51 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.