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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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A BILL

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TO BE ENTITLED

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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:



1           Section 1. (a) Any person whose qualification to  
2 practice law in Alabama is subject to Section 40-12-49 and who  
3 practices in the area of immigration law shall attend a  
4 minimum of fifty (50) hours of approved continuing legal  
5 education in the area of immigration law each calendar year.

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

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

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

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