

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 48

BY SENATOR POPE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HEALTHDEPARTMENT. Provides relative to continuing education requirements imposed by the Louisiana Board of Hearing Aid Dealers. (1/1/22)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2446.1(A) and (C), relative to continuing education requirements imposed by the Louisiana Board for Hearing Aid Dealers; to reduce the number of required continuing education hours for reinstatement or renewal of a license; to reduce the maximum number of continuing education hours that may be obtained through the internet; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2446.1(A) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2446.1. Continuing education requirement

A. The board shall require all licensees applying for reinstatement or renewal of licenses to have completed ~~fifteen~~ **twelve** hours of continuing education per year in courses approved by the board, which may consist of a maximum of ~~seven~~ **four** hours obtained through internet or correspondence courses, in order to renew their license on January first of the following year. Each licensee shall submit documentation from any recognized professional or educational institution to the

1 board as proof that each licensee has been exposed to new developments in the
2 practice which have occurred since the prior issuance or renewal of such license.

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4 C. Any person receiving a license by endorsement or examination on July
5 first or later in that year shall not be required to have the ~~fifteen~~ **twelve** hours of
6 continuing education until December thirty-first of the following year.

7 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2022.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

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Present law requires individuals licensed by the La. Board of Hearing Aid Dealers to complete 15 hours of continuing education to reinstate or renew their license. Proposed law reduces the number of required continuing education hours from 15 to 12.

Present law allows a maximum of seven continuing education hours to be earned through the internet or correspondence courses. Proposed law reduces the maximum number of hours from seven to four.

Effective January 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 37:2446.1(A) and (C))