

Introduced by Senator Price

February 18, 2011

An act to add Section 8024.8 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to shorthand reporters.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 671, as introduced, Price. Shorthand reporters: continuing education requirements.

Existing law provides for the certification and regulation of shorthand reporters by the Court Reporters Board of California in the Department of Consumer Affairs, and provides for the regulation of shorthand reporting schools by the board. Existing law provides for the renewal of a shorthand reporter's certificate if specified requirements are met.

This bill would require the board to establish, on or before July 1, 2012, minimum approved continuing education requirements for renewal of a shorthand reporter's certificate, with certain exceptions, and would require the board to establish a procedure for approving providers of continuing education courses, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 8024.8 is added to the Business and
- 2 Professions Code, to read:
- 3 8024.8. (a) On or before July 1, 2012, the board shall establish
- 4 minimum continuing education requirements for renewal of a
- 5 certificate issued pursuant to this chapter. On and after that date,
- 6 to renew his or her certificate, a certificate holder shall, in addition

1 to the requirements of Section 8024, certify to the board, on a form
2 prescribed by the board, completion of the minimum continuing
3 education requirements.

4 (b) The board shall also establish a procedure for approving
5 providers of continuing education courses, and all providers of
6 continuing education shall comply with procedures established by
7 the board. The board may revoke or deny the right of a provider
8 to offer continuing education coursework pursuant to this section
9 for failure to comply with the requirements of this section or any
10 regulation adopted pursuant to this section.

11 (c) The board may establish exceptions to the continuing
12 education requirements of this section for a certificate holder who
13 cannot meet the continuing education requirements for reasons of
14 health, military service, or undue hardship.

15 (d) The continuing education requirements of this section shall
16 comply fully with the guidelines for mandatory continuing
17 education established by the Department of Consumer Affairs
18 pursuant to Section 166.

19 (e) The board may adopt regulations as necessary to implement
20 this section.