

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 3515 of the 81st Texas Legislature, Regular Session, due to the following objections:

House Bill No. 3515 would criminally punish a lawyer who had not committed barratry for the barratry committed by another person, and would, therefore, make a lawyer not engaged in criminal conduct subject to criminal penalties because of the criminal conduct of others. House Bill No. 3515 would also require lawyers to report to the State Bar of Texas persons who are not subject to the State Bar's jurisdiction. Stopping barratry is good public policy for Texas, but House Bill No. 3515 would be an ineffective means of combating this offense.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 19th day of June, 2009.

RICK PERRY

Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

COBY SHORTER, III

Deputy Secretary of State