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GOVERNOR

May 29, 2009

Secretary Kurt S. Browning  
Secretary of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 S. Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for House Bill 63, enacted during the 111<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2009 and entitled:

An act relating to auctioneers . . .

The bill increases regulation of auctioneers, auctioneer apprentices, and auction businesses. It requires those entities to submit electronic fingerprints for processing state and national criminal records checks. If a license is revoked, the person/business is ineligible for re-licensure for 5 years. The bill also expands licensure requirements for auction businesses by identifying persons who own more than 20 percent of the business and requiring them to submit electronic fingerprints, in addition to demonstrating evidence of financial responsibility.

Although I support efforts to protect the public, I am concerned that this bill is overly regulatory. Government exists to accomplish the will of the people, not to restrict economic or personal liberties. During the past year, there have been no criminal prosecutions or disciplinary actions of auctioneers or auction businesses.

It is important to remember that the purpose of my Accelerate Florida Initiative was to reduce or eliminate unnecessary regulation and to streamline licensing processes. This bill is contrary to the spirit of that initiative by increasing regulation, when there does not appear to be a specific need. I am concerned that this bill is overly burdensome to individuals and businesses, and unnecessarily increases the workload on state and national investigative agencies. In this time of economic stress, unnecessary regulation does not serve a legitimate public purpose and negatively impacts free enterprise.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for House Bill 63, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist

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