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GOVERNOR

June 19, 2007

Mr. Kurt S. Browning
Secretary of State
Department of State
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Browning:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8, of the Constitution of Florida, I do hereby submit my approval of and transmit to you with my signature, Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1844, enacted during the 39th Session of the Legislature of Florida and convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2007 and entitled:

An act relating to homeowners associations . . .

I am firmly committed to protecting home ownership for Floridians. Currently, homeowners associations can file liens against a person's home without first notifying the homeowner and giving the homeowner an opportunity to pay the assessment. This bill requires homeowners associations to provide the owners with proper notification of any pending liens and provides 45 days for the homeowner to pay an outstanding assessment before filing a lien or foreclosing against a home.

The notification provisions of this bill will protect Florida's homeowners. With escalating insurance costs and property taxes already burdening homeowners, I am glad to sign this legislation into law so that more Floridians can maintain the American dream of owning a home.

I hereby transmit with my approval Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1844.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist

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