

RICK SCOTT GOVERNOR

June 2, 2015

Secretary Kenneth W. Detzner Secretary of State Florida Department of State R.A. Gray Building 500 South Bronough Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399 17/11/2011 -2 PH 6: 34

Dear Secretary Detzner:

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 veto and transmit my objections to House Bill 755, enacted during the 117th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2015, and entitled:

An act relating to Convenience Business Security...

This bill mandates that certain convenience store businesses implement additional state-prescribed security devices and standards. This mandate would increase state regulations, which would result in increased costs on small businesses.

Under this legislation, certain family-owned, small businesses, which operate from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., would be compelled by law to add potentially costly security infrastructure. Small businesses currently have the flexibility to add whatever security upgrades they deem reasonable, and if the property is rented, the property owner may require additional security in the lease or contract. Mandating compliance with the security standards in the bill would place a significant new financial burden on these small businesses, which is unnecessary.

I believe family owned small businesses, working with their landlords, can better decide the appropriate security infrastructure for their businesses. Convenience business owners and property owners may implement additional security measures based on their particular circumstances — they should not be required to do so based on overbroad, state-mandated regulation. We have worked hard over the past four

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years to eliminate more than 3,000 redundant or burdensome regulations, and we cannot reverse course by adding another regulation that could impact efforts to grow jobs for Florida families. For this reason, I withhold my approval of House Bill 755 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott

Governor