



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

May 24, 2017

Secretary Kenneth W. Detzner
Secretary of State
Florida Department of State
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Secretary Detzner:

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 veto and transmit my objections to Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 106, enacted during the 119th Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2017 and entitled:

An act relating to vendors licensed under the beverage law...

The bill makes several changes to the alcohol and beverage laws, primarily allowing grocery stores, retailers, and certain gas stations to sell spirits in the same space as other products. Currently, spirits must be sold in a location with a separate entrance.

Since becoming Governor in 2011, I have repealed almost 5,000 regulations to reduce unnecessary burdens on Floridians. From the day I took office, I have been committed to eliminating regulations that impose duplicative and unnecessary requirements on Florida's citizens and businesses. I carefully reviewed this bill and I have met with stakeholders on both sides. I listened closely to what they had to say and I understand that both positions have merit. Nevertheless, I have heard concerns as to how this bill could affect many small businesses across Florida. I was a small business owner and many locally owned businesses have told me how this bill will impact their families and their ability to create jobs.

For the reasons stated above, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 106 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott
Governor

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