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GOVERNOR

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Secretary Ken Detzner  
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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 objection to Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 653, enacted during the 119<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, during the Regular Session of 2017 and entitled:

An act relating to Community Associations . . .

Since my first day as Governor, I have fought to make Florida the safest and most affordable place to live and raise a family. Decisions regarding safety issues are critically important, as they can be the difference between life and death. Fire sprinklers and enhanced life safety systems are particularly effective in improving the safety of occupants in high-rise buildings and ensure the greatest protection to the emergency responders who bravely conduct firefighting and rescue operations. While I am particularly sensitive to regulations that increase the cost of living, the recent London high-rise fire, which tragically took at least 79 lives, illustrates the importance of life safety protections.

For the reasons stated above, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 653, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rick Scott", written over a large, stylized graphic element that resembles a signature or a large letter "R".

Rick Scott  
Governor