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GOVERNOR

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Interim Secretary Dawn Roberts
Department of State
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Interim Secretary Roberts:

By the authority vested in me as the Governor of Florida, and 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 Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1964, enacted during the 42nd Session of the Legislature of Florida, convened under the Constitution of 1968, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to Design Professionals...

The bill limits the tort liability of design professionals for economic damages from a design defect. The design professionals affected by the bill include licensed engineers, surveyors, architects, interior designers, and landscape architects. This limit of liability grants unique privileges to design professionals by removing a consumer's right to bring a tort action against them for economic damages caused by their negligence. Other professionals, such as accountants, doctors, and lawyers, cannot similarly limit their professional duty of care.

An error in design may create significant economic damages to both business and home owners. I am concerned this bill fails to provide any alternate remedies and shifts the losses for design defects to consumers.

For the reasons stated above, I am hereby withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1964 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,



Charlie Crist