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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 withhold my approval of and transmit to you with my objections, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 920, 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 cosmetology . . .

The bill makes substantial changes to Florida's cosmetology statutes. It creates a new cosmetology license separated into specialty licenses for hair technicians, estheticians, nail technicians, and cosmetologists, and provides specific education requirements for each.

While I support efforts to protect the public, I am concerned that this bill provides too much regulation without a justifiable need. I believe that government exists to accomplish the will of the people, not to restrict economic or personal liberties. This bill dramatically increases the educational requirements that a person must meet before entering the workplace – in some cases, it more than doubles the current requirements. I am concerned that this bill is overly burdensome and would have negative impacts on peoples' livelihoods. Regulation should protect the public, but not limit competition or act at state sponsored protectionism against free enterprise.

For this reason, I withhold my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 920, and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist