



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
GOVERNOR

May 15, 2010

Interim Secretary Dawn Roberts  
Department of State  
R.A. Gray Building  
500 S. Bronough Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Interim Secretary Roberts:

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 withhold my approval of and transmit to you my objections to, Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 7103, enacted during the 112<sup>th</sup> Session of the Legislature of Florida, since statehood in 1845, during the Regular Session of 2010 and entitled:

An act relating to agriculture ...

HB 7103 prohibits counties from enforcing existing environmental ordinances that regulate farm operations. The bill also provides a number of exceptions to the enforcement prohibition that could be confusing for the general public, owners of agricultural lands, and counties to interpret and apply.

I have concerns about the restrictions placed on local governments that are contained in this bill. There is not an adequate justification for the state to interject its authority over local decision making. While state regulation is sometimes necessary to provide certainty, uniformity, and stability on certain policy issues, it should be applied sparingly. This bill attempts to apply a remedy without sufficiently identifying a problem.

For the reasons stated above, I am hereby withholding my approval of Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill 7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charlie Crist".

Charlie Crist

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March 24, 2011

The Honorable Kurt S. Browning  
Secretary of State  
500 South Bronough Street  
R.A. Gray Building  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250

Dear Secretary Browning:

I hand you herewith CS/HB 7103 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature,  
entitled:

An act relating to agriculture;

which has passed the House of Representatives and the Senate by the required Constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting in each house in accordance with Article III, Section 8, the Governor's objects to the contrary notwithstanding.

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. "Bob" Ward  
Clerk of the House

R. Philip Twogood  
Secretary of the Senate

cc: The Honorable Dean Cannon, Speaker  
The Honorable Mike Haridopolos, President

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