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At a Special Session of the Florida Legislature convened under Article III, Section 3(c), of the Constitution of the State, as revised in 1968, and subsequently amended, at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on Monday, January 27, 2025, in the State of Florida.

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CALL TO ORDER

The Senate was called to order by President Albritton at 11:07 a.m. A quorum present—37:

Mr. President	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Arrington	Fine	Pizzo
Avila	Gaetz	Polisky
Berman	Grall	Rodriguez
Bernard	Gruters	Rouson
Boyd	Harrell	Sharief
Bradley	Hooper	Simon
Brodeur	Ingoglia	Smith
Burgess	Jones	Truenow
Burton	Leek	Trumbull
Calatayud	Martin	Wright
Collins	McClain	
Davis	Osgood	

Excused: Senators Garcia, Thompson, and Yarborough

PRAYER

The following prayer was offered by Senator Fine:

It's a good thing I brought my kippah up this morning. Thank you, President Passidomo for the suggestion to President Albritton that we do this unexpectedly.

I usually am not at a loss for words—we'll see what happens today. Obviously, I was asked to do this because as Senator Berman talked about, it is the 80th year since Auschwitz was liberated. The Holocaust is unique among genocides for one reason. Typically, in an area where one group wants to exterminate another, they say we want to get rid of every person that looks like, or sounds like, or appears like in this particular area. But the Nazis were different—they didn't just say we want to exterminate Jews in Germany. They had a plan to go around the world and find them wherever they were. It wasn't enough to get rid of them where they lived. They were going to go everywhere.

Today, we find ourselves in the midst of an attempted second Holocaust where there are people in this country that are afraid to wear what I'm wearing right now; where there are people who wish to create a second Holocaust; and where there is a baby 10 hours away who's never celebrated a birthday outside of captivity and terrorism. So, today I ask you to pray not only for the victims of that Holocaust 80 years ago, but for the victims of the new Holocaust that people are trying to create right now, and I ask you to pray that when we say "never again," that we mean "never again." I ask you to join me in saying, Amen.

PLEDGE

Senator Burgess led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

By direction of the President, the Secretary read the following proclamation:

THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE JOINT PROCLAMATION

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA SENATE AND THE FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump was inaugurated on January 20, 2025, and subsequently enacted several executive orders related to immigration including Securing our Borders and Protecting the American People Against Invasion; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has deemed it necessary to enhance the state's ability to coordinate with and assist the Federal Government in the implementation of President Trump's executive orders; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has deemed it necessary to appropriate funds to ensure law enforcement has sufficient resources to uphold and enforce the rule of law and protect Floridians; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Ben Albritton, President of the Florida Senate, and Daniel Perez, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, by virtue of the authority vested in us by Article III, Section 3(c), Florida Constitution, and Section 11.011, Florida Statutes, do hereby proclaim:

Section 1. That the Legislature of the State of Florida is convened in Special Session pursuant to Article III, Section 3(c), Florida Constitution, and Section 11.011, Florida Statutes, at the Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, beginning at 10:45 a.m. on Monday, January 27, 2025, ending at 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

Section 2. That the Legislature is convened for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering legislation to:

- A. Strengthen state laws, programs, or policies, and provide appropriations in support thereof, to maximize the state's ability to coordinate with and assist the Federal Government in its enforcement of federal immigration law and policy, including the directives of President Trump related to immigration and declared national emergency, and related federal actions.

- B. Designate a chief immigration officer to serve as the state's official liaison between state agencies, state and local law enforcement agencies, and the Federal Government regarding the enforcement of federal immigration laws, and establish related responsibilities, powers, programs, and policies;
- C. Restrict benefits that incentivize illegal immigrants to relocate to Florida.
- D. Create criminal offenses related to noncitizens' voting.
- E. Enhance criminal penalties for crimes committed by removed aliens who unlawfully reentered the country.
- F. Require immigration status to be considered when determining bail and pretrial detention.
- G. Require valid identification information for interactions with the state.
- H. Establish programs and policies, and provide appropriations in support thereof, to allow local law enforcement agencies to supplement, not replace, the Federal Government in its enforcement of federal immigration law.
- I. Consider line item vetoes from HB 5001 from the 2024 Regular Session.

Section 3. That the committees and subcommittees of either house of the Legislature are authorized to consider legislation within the purview of this proclamation from this date forward.



Ben Albritton
President
The Florida Senate
January 27, 2025



Daniel Perez
Speaker
The Florida House
of Representatives
January 27, 2025



Duly filed with and received by the Florida Department of State in Tallahassee this 27th day of January, 2025.

Cord Byrd
Secretary of State

INTRODUCTION AND REFERENCE OF BILLS INSIDE THE CALL

FIRST READING

By Senators Gruters and Fine—

SB 2-B—A bill to be entitled An act relating to immigration; providing a short title; amending s. 14.23, F.S.; providing that the Commissioner of Agriculture is the only person responsible for serving as liaison between certain entities regarding federal immigration laws; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to appoint an employee to serve in a specific capacity; creating s. 19.55, F.S.; providing that the Commissioner of Agriculture is the chief immigration officer; providing responsibilities for such position; creating s. 19.56, F.S.; creating the Local Law Enforcement Immigration Grant Program within the Office of State Immigration Enforcement within the Division of Law Enforcement under the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for specified purposes; providing the process for awarding grants; prohibiting grants from being awarded for certain activities; requiring the office to adopt rules; amending s. 20.14, F.S.; revising the division

structure within the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; authorizing the department to establish certain offices; creating s. 104.155, F.S.; providing that certain persons who vote in an election are guilty of a felony; prohibiting certain defenses from being raised; providing that a person who takes certain actions with specified knowledge is guilty of a felony; providing penalties; amending s. 252.36, F.S.; providing construction; amending s. 288.061, F.S.; requiring the Department of Commerce to take specified actions when notified of non-compliance with specified economic development incentive application requirements; amending ss. 319.001 and 320.01, F.S.; defining the term “valid passport”; amending s. 322.08, F.S.; revising the types of documents that may be used as proof of identity for certain purposes; amending s. 322.121, F.S.; revising the exceptions to the prohibitions on a person being identified as a “Safe Driver”; revising the time period for making certain notifications to the department in order to be identified as a “Safe Driver”; amending s. 322.19, F.S.; requiring a person who has become a citizen of the United States to obtain specified replacement documents within a certain time; amending s. 395.3027, F.S.; revising reporting requirements related to patient immigration status; amending s. 448.09, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 448.095, F.S.; revising the entities responsible for enforcing provisions relating to employment eligibility; revising the trust fund into which certain funds are deposited; amending s. 480.0535, F.S.; expanding the parties required to receive a certain notice related to massage establishments; amending s. 775.0848, F.S.; expanding the classification of crimes that may be reclassified in certain circumstances; amending s. 895.02, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “racketeering activity”; amending s. 903.046; expanding the criteria the court must consider when making bail determinations; amending s. 907.041, F.S.; expanding circumstances a pretrial release service must certify to the court; expanding the information required to be reported to a state attorney after an arrest; amending s. 908.101, F.S.; providing additional legislative findings; amending s. 908.102, F.S.; defining the terms “chief immigration officer” and “office”; creating s. 908.1031, F.S.; creating the Office of State Immigration Enforcement within the Division of Law Enforcement under the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for specified purposes; requiring the office to employ certain personnel; providing powers, duties, and qualifications for such personnel; providing certain authority and powers of such personnel; providing reporting requirements; providing that the office serves a specified purpose; authorizing the office to adopt rules; amending s. 908.104, F.S.; requiring specified parties to provide certain information to a federal immigration agency; expanding the criteria for receiving a certain exemption; revising applicability; creating s. 908.1041, F.S.; requiring cooperation and coordination between specified entities in the enforcement of immigration laws; requiring the approval of the state immigration officer for certain actions related to agreements or contracts; creating s. 908.1042, F.S.; creating the State Immigration Enforcement Council; providing the purpose, membership, compensation, staff, meetings, and duties of the council; authorizing the Office of State Immigration Enforcement to adopt rules; amending s. 908.105, F.S.; providing requirements for law enforcement agencies that have custody of specified persons; amending s. 908.107, F.S.; authorizing the chief immigration officer to present certain evidence to the Governor and make certain recommendations and to file suit against certain entities and agencies for a specified purpose; amending s. 908.11, F.S.; revising the entities required to enter into certain agreements with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; requiring that entities that do not enter into such agreements by a specified date take certain actions; creating s. 908.13, F.S.; providing construction; authorizing the chief immigration officer to issue a state of emergency in specified circumstances; authorizing the issuance, amendment, and renewal of certain orders, proclamations, and rules that meet certain conditions; requiring emergency orders to be disseminated in a specified manner; requiring such orders be filed with specified parties; providing an exception; authorizing the Legislature to take certain actions relating to a state of emergency declared by the chief immigration officer; requiring the chief immigration officer to issue a certain order in specified circumstances; requiring certain declarations and orders be filed in a specified manner with the Division of Administrative Hearings; requiring the division to make all such declarations and orders available in a searchable format; requiring a certain link be placed on the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services website; requiring the chief immigration officer take certain actions during a specified state of emergency; authorizing the chief immigration officer to request certain assistance during specified states of emergency; amending s. 921.0022, F.S.; ranking offenses created by the act on the offense severity ranking chart of the Criminal Punishment Code; amending s. 943.03, F.S.; requiring the Department of Law Enforcement to coordinate with the chief immigration officer for a certain purpose; amending s. 943.03101, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 943.0311, F.S.; requiring the Chief of Domestic Security to coordinate

with the chief immigration officer for a certain purpose; amending ss. 943.0312 and 943.0313, F.S.; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; revising eligibility for certain fee waivers; requiring students receiving such a waiver be reevaluated for eligibility beginning on a certain date; requiring certain agreements and contracts to replace one party with a specified entity; requiring the transfer of certain rules; authorizing the Office of State Immigration Enforcement to adopt emergency rules; providing requirements for such rules; providing legislative findings; requiring the Department of Military Affairs and local law enforcement to work with the Office of State Immigration Enforcement for a specified purpose; amending ch. 2023-3, Laws of Florida; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; requiring the Division of Law Enforcement to evaluate a specified program and make recommendations by a certain date; prohibiting the renewal or issuance of certain executive orders; providing appropriations; authorizing the establishment of certain positions; requiring the reversion of the unexpended balance of certain funds; providing for immediate release of specified funds; providing effective dates.

—was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

MOTIONS

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the rules were waived and **SB 2-B** was placed on the Special Order Calendar for Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the rules were waived and an amendment deadline for **SB 2-B** was set for two hours after completion of the Appropriations committee meeting.

MOTIONS RELATING TO BILLS
FILED OUTSIDE THE CALL

On motion by Senator Passidomo, bills filed outside the call were sent to the Committee on Rules to determine if a need exists to warrant introduction.

REMARKS BY PRESIDENT ALBRITTON

Senators, as you are aware, in June, the Governor vetoed a third of the legislature’s budget.

The Governor vetoed funding for transparency programs like the lobbyist registration and financial disclosure database, and other joint IT systems that allow Floridians to view and track legislation.

The Governor vetoed the IT budgets of both the House and Senate, which maintain each chamber’s website, bill drafting, amendment, and tracking capabilities, among others.

The Governor vetoed funding for critical economic estimating we use to put together a balanced budget as well as the research arm of the legislature that measures outcomes of the legislation we pass and the success of implementation.

The Governor vetoed the funds used for government accountability functions like oversight of executive branch rulemaking.

The Governor vetoed funds for joint contracted services, like the Florida Channel which allows millions of Floridians as well as people across the country and around the world to view Florida government in real time.

Separation of powers exists for a reason. We have the opportunity today to override the Governor’s veto and restore the funding for these key functions of our independent, co-equal branch of government.

The budget was a house bill, and as such the House will be sending us the veto override message.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President,

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives, by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting, has reinstated specific appropriation 2802 and its related proviso on page 412 of HB 5001 (2024 Regular Session), the Governor’s objections to the contrary notwithstanding, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The Honorable Ben Albritton, President,

I am directed to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives, by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members voting, has reinstated specific appropriation 2803 and its related proviso on page 412 of HB 5001 (2024 Regular Session), the Governor’s objections to the contrary notwithstanding, and requests the concurrence of the Senate.

Jeff Takacs, Clerk

The bill and the veto message, together with the Governor’s objections thereto, were referred to the Committee on Rules.

CONSIDERATION OF VETOED BILLS
2024 REGULAR SESSION

On motion by Senator Passidomo, by two-thirds vote, **HB 5001** (2024 Regular Session) and the veto message, together with the Governor’s objections thereto, were withdrawn from the Committee on Rules and taken up.

HB 5001—A bill to be entitled An act making appropriations; providing moneys for the annual period beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, and supplemental appropriations for the period ending June 30, 2024, to pay salaries and other expenses, capital outlay—buildings and other improvements, and for other specified purposes of the various agencies of state government; providing effective dates.

CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM
2802 OF HB 5001 VETOED APPROPRIATION

2802	LUMP SUM	
	LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES - SENATE	
	FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	27,027,370
	FROM GRANTS AND DONATIONS TRUST	
	FUND	1,098,317
	FROM LEGISLATIVE LOBBYIST	
	REGISTRATION TRUST FUND	171,123

On motion by Senator Passidomo, line item 2802 of **HB 5001**, (2024 Regular Session) relating to Legislative Support Services - Senate and any associated proviso language, passed by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, and was certified to the House.

The vote was:

Yeas—35

Mr. President	Burton	Hooper
Arrington	Calatayud	Jones
Avila	Davis	Leek
Berman	DiCeglie	Martin
Bernard	Fine	McClain
Boyd	Gaetz	Osgood
Bradley	Grall	Passidomo
Brodeur	Gruters	Pizzo
Burgess	Harrell	Polsky

Rodriguez	Simon	Trumbull
Rouson	Smith	Wright
Sharief	Truenow	

Nays—1

Ingoglia

Vote after roll call:

Nay—Collins

CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC APPROPRIATION LINE ITEM 2803 OF HB 5001 VETOED APPROPRIATION

2803 LUMP SUM	
LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES - HOUSE	
FROM GENERAL REVENUE FUND	27,130,568
FROM GRANTS AND DONATIONS TRUST	
FUND	1,082,143
FROM LEGISLATIVE LOBBYIST	
REGISTRATION TRUST FUND	166,459

On motion by Senator Passidomo, line item 2803 of **HB 5001**, (2024 Regular Session) relating to Legislative Support Services - House and any associated proviso language, passed by the required constitutional two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, the veto of the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, and was certified to the House.

The vote was:

Yeas—36

Mr. President	Davis	Osgood
Arrington	DiCeglie	Passidomo
Avila	Fine	Pizzo
Berman	Gaetz	Polsky
Bernard	Grall	Rodriguez
Boyd	Gruters	Rouson
Bradley	Harrell	Sharief
Brodeur	Hooper	Simon
Burgess	Jones	Smith
Burton	Leek	Truenow
Calatayud	Martin	Trumbull
Collins	McClain	Wright

Nays—1

Ingoglia

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The Committee on Appropriations recommends a committee substitute for the following: SB 2-B

The bill with committee substitute attached was placed on the Calendar.

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

FIRST READING

By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senators Gruters and Fine—

CS for SB 2-B—A bill to be entitled An act relating to immigration; providing a short title; amending s. 14.23, F.S.; providing that the Commissioner of Agriculture is the only person responsible for serving as liaison between certain entities regarding federal immigration laws; authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to appoint an employee to serve in a specific capacity; creating s. 19.55, F.S.; providing that the Commissioner of Agriculture is the chief immigration officer; providing

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MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR AND OTHER EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

VETOED BILLS 2024 REGULAR SESSION

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

June 25, 2024

Dear Secretary Byrd:

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 Senate Bill 62 (CS/SB 62), enacted during the 126th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session 2024 and entitled:

An act relating to Resident Status for Tuition Purposes

Florida's higher education system has ranked #1 in the country for nearly a decade, in part due to the state's investment in our institutions over that same period. We should not reward criminal activity by providing inmates with the same benefits as law-abiding citizens.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/SB 62 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

June 27, 2024

Dear Secretary Byrd:

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 Senate Bill 280 (CS/SB 280), enacted during the 126th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session 2024 and entitled:

An act relating to Vacation Rentals

Beyond creating new bureaucratic red tape that locals must comply with, CS/SB 280 prevents local governments from enforcing existing ordinances or passing any new local measure which would exclusively apply to vacation rentals. Under the bill, any such measure must apply to all residential properties. The effect of this provision will prevent virtually all local regulation of vacation rentals even though the vacation rental markets are far from uniform across the various regions of the state.

Going forward, I encourage the Florida Legislature and all key stakeholders to work together, with the understanding that vacation rentals should not be approached as a one-size-fits-all issue.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/SB 280 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

June 21, 2024

Dear Secretary Byrd:

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 Senate Bill 494 (CS/CS/SB 494), enacted during the 126th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session 2024 and entitled:

An act relating to Graduate Program Admissions

Standardized tests are a necessary component of a rigorous, merit-based admissions process. While the motivation behind this legislation is laudable, it is not clear that waiving these tests will be beneficial to our institutions or even, in many cases, to the students themselves.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/CS/SB 494 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

June 26, 2024

Dear Secretary Byrd:

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 Senate Bill 1078 (SB 1078), enacted during the 126th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session 2024 and entitled:

An act relating to Public Records

SB 1078 exempts the cellular telephone number of all insurance agents; agencies; adjusters, including public adjusters; service representatives; amongst other licensees that are submitted to the Department of Financial Services as part of the licensure process. Florida's insurance market is becoming increasingly competitive and hurricane season is upon us; it is not clear how this special exemption would serve the public interest.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of SB 1078 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

June 28, 2024

Dear Secretary Byrd:

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 Senate Bill 1082 (CS/SB 1082), enacted during the 126th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session of 2024 and entitled:

An act relating to Housing for Legally Verified Agricultural Workers

CS/SB 1082 prohibits local governments from inhibiting the construction and installation of housing on farms for agriculture workers. The bill's terms apply to legal migrant farm workers, but the bill does not include the means to enforce this limitation and could pave the way for housing of illegal alien workers. Additionally, local governments currently have the ability to establish uniform guidelines and standards through their zoning ordinances which best suit each agricultural community.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of CS/SB 1082 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Secretary Cord Byrd
Secretary of State
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

June 7, 2024

Dear Secretary Byrd:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to Senate Bill 1698, enacted during the 126th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session 2024 and entitled:

An act relating to Food and Hemp Products

As hemp production and use continue to increase, we must ensure that such products are safe and that adequate measures exist to protect children. Last year, I signed Senate Bill 1676, which instituted a series of consumer protections related to the sale of hemp products. Florida Law now prohibits the sale of hemp products to anyone under 21, prohibits the sale or distribution of products found to be mislabeled or attractive to children, requires all hemp processing facilities to meet food safety and sanitation standards, and provides a potency cap on all products containing hemp extract.

Small businesses are the cornerstone of Florida's economy. While Senate Bill 1698's goals are commendable, the bill would, in fact, impose debilitating regulatory burdens on small businesses and almost certainly fail to achieve its purposes. Senate Bill 1698 would introduce dramatic disruption and harm to many small retail and manufacturing businesses in Florida - businesses that have emerged due to recent legislation paving the way for the commercial use of hemp.

I encourage the Florida Legislature to reconsider this topic during the next Legislative Session and engage with all relevant stakeholders to create a comprehensive regulatory framework for the manufacture and sale of hemp and hemp-derived products. Sensible, non-arbitrary regulation will provide businesses and consumers alike with much-needed stability- safeguarding public health and safety, allowing legitimate industry to flourish, and removing bad actors from the market.

When it resumes its work on this topic, I encourage the Legislature to consider the following: *Quality control.* The Legislature should set standards for cultivation, processing, and handling of hemp products to ensure the purity, potency, and safety of hemp and hemp derived products. This would include random, unannounced inspections, standardized and repeated testing, and dosing, packaging, and unit purchase caps that better correspond to the character of the products and their intoxicating capabilities. Upon review, Senate Bill 1698's effort to address those limitations misses the mark. Additionally, the Legislature should establish record-keeping requirements for sellers and suppliers of hemp products.

Labeling, Marketing, and Packaging. The Legislature should develop guidelines for accurate labeling, including cannabinoid content, sourcing information, health claims, and dosing instructions. Packaging should- by default- be child-resistant, and any and all advertising that makes these products attractive to minors should be prohibited.

Retail Sales. The Legislature should ensure that hemp-derived cannabinoids are sold behind the counter and that hemp retail shops operate outside sufficient proximities from schools, religious institutions, and other areas where children and families regularly gather. These shops should not present themselves as medical offices, and the Legislature should consider measures to prevent the ubiquity and concentration of these retail locations in communities across the State.

In the meantime, I encourage the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to continue using its full, existing authority to root out products that violate Florida law.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of SB 1698 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

Ron DeSantis
Governor

The bill, together with the Governor's objections thereto, was referred to the Committee on Rules.

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ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Senator Passidomo, the Senate adjourned at 11:25 a.m. for the purpose of holding committee meetings and conducting other Senate business to reconvene at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 28 or upon call of the President.