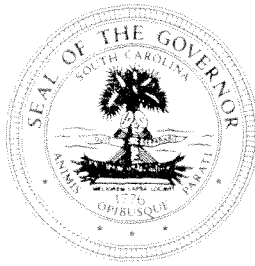


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June 18, 2012

The Honorable Glenn F. McConnell
State House, First Floor, East Wing
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate,

I am vetoing and returning without my approval R265, S.580, a bill that exempts additional categories of professionals from the licensure and regulation provisions in Chapter 18, Title 40 that apply to private security and investigation agencies.

This bill exempts certified public accountants and providers of computer or digital forensic services from the obligation to register as private investigators. I support the aspects of this bill that would prevent these professionals from being needlessly subjected to costly and excessive compliance requirements.

Unfortunately, in its final form, **S.580 established a new Computer Forensics Registry at the State Law Enforcement Division. This language expands the scope and intrusiveness of government and creates a new license that adds more bureaucracy and red tape at a time when we are trying to create jobs and promote business in South Carolina.**

I would sign a bill that exclusively contained the exemption language that appeared in S.580 when it was originally passed by the Senate more than a year ago, but I cannot support the new registry that was appended immediately prior to the end of this year's session.

For this reason, I must return this bill without my approval.

Sincerely,


Nikki R. Haley