



February 22, 2017

This afternoon, [HB 17 \(Fine\)](#) passed the House [Careers and Competition Subcommittee](#) by a vote of 9 yeas to 6 nays. Thank you to all the municipal officials who called and e-mailed members of the Committee in Opposition to HB 17.

Below is how the Subcommittee voted on HB 17:

Yeas

Halsey Beshears, Chair
Jay Trumbull, V. Chr.
Larry Ahern
Randy Fine – bill sponsor
Julio Gonzalez
Joe Gruters
Mike La Rosa
Alexandra Miller
Paul Renner

Nays

Loranne Ausley, Ranking Member
Ramon Alexander
Roy Hardemon
Shawn Harrison
Al Jacquet
David Silvers

Please thank the Representatives on the Subcommittee who voted **No** on HB 17.

Additionally, a special thank you to the city officials who were present to oppose the bill:

- Mark Ryan, City Manager, Indian Harbour Beach
- Mayor Tom Campenni, Stuart
- Mayor Matthew Surrency, Hawthorne

The following Associations/Groups came out in Support of HB 17:

- Florida Retail Federation
- Americans for Prosperity Florida
- Associated Industries of Florida

- Associated Builders and Contractors of Florida
- James Madison Institute
- Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association
- Florida Chamber
- National Federation of Independent Business

To view the House Careers and Competition Subcommittee hearing on HB 17, please click on the link below.

<http://thefloridachannel.org/videos/22217-house-careers-competition-subcommittee/>

HB 17 was the last bill on the agenda and begins at 21:20.

HB 17 (Fine) expressly preempts the regulation of businesses, professions and occupations to the state. The bill provides that after January 1, 2017, a local government may not adopt or impose a new requirement (including any regulation, license, permit or fee) on a “business, profession or occupation” unless the requirement is “expressly authorized by general law.” An existing local regulation may not impose “additional” regulation on a business, and may not be modified, except to repeal or reduce the requirement. Additionally, the bill specifies that any requirement on a business, profession or occupation adopted prior to January 2017 without “general law authority” will expire on January 1, 2020.

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Thank you again for your advocacy efforts!