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Senate votes to regulate landscaping

DENVER, CO: The Colorado Senate continued its new priority of passing silly regulatory legislation by passing SB07-107, a measure to regulate landscape architects.

SB07-107, which outlines landscaping as the "functional and aesthetic uses of land", was sponsored by Senator Able Tapia (D - Pueblo) and Representative Alice Borodkin (D - Denver) and passed with a vote of 23-11.

"This bill marks another sad day for businesses and consumers," declared Senator Scott Renfroe (R - Eaton), a member of the Republican Study Committee of Colorado (RSCC).

"Government regulation of landscape architects will increase the cost of every project," continued Renfroe. "Why does the government need to tell us who is qualified to pick which tree to plant and where it should go? What is next, a license for who mows my lawn?"

Earlier, Senator Greg Brophy (R-Wray), a founding member of the RSCC, attempted to amend SB07-107 to include restrictions on the employment of illegal aliens by landscape architects. "This

amendment says, among other things, that you can lose your license for employing or subcontracting work with persons not legally entitled to work in the United States," said Brophy when introducing his amendment. This common sense amendment was defeated by the Democrats on a party-line vote.

Brophy was among the RSCC members who led the fight against SB07-107 on the Senate floor, calling the measure "another unnecessary limitation on competition."

During the first half of this legislative session, bills were introduced to regulate tanning beds, art therapists, interior designers, academic veterinarians, mortgage bankers, private investigators and household movers.

"It's time to get back to Ronald Reagan's principle of getting the government off our backs," stated Representative Kent Lambert (R-Colorado Springs), RSCC Chairman.

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