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2009 Florida Legislative Update

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Broad and Cassel is pleased to provide you with summaries of bills passed in the recent 2009 Florida Legislature. It has been my pleasure to represent many business clients before the Legislature for nearly 30 years. As you know, government impacts all of us in many ways, and it is critical for you to understand the issues and changes that may affect your business.

In the recent session, more than 2,500 bills were filed and 271 bills passed both the House and Senate. In order to help you review summaries of legislation, we have divided them into general areas of interest.

The summaries were compiled by the Senate staff at the Legislature. Many of these bills have not yet been acted on by the Governor and are still subject to veto. It is important to read the actual language of any bill, not just a summary, before making any decision based on a new law. If you would like to look at the final version of a bill, you may use the links provided on the right side of this page to the Florida House of Representative or Florida Senate. Make sure that you find the final engrossed and enrolled version or ask a Broad and Cassel attorney for help in this review.

Our Broad and Cassel attorneys will be glad to help you determine how any new law may affect your interests. Please let me know if I can be of help to you in providing more information regarding these changes in Florida law. As Florida's premier business law firm, Broad and Cassel hopes to help you make sense of public policy issues at every level. Please let us know if we can be of service to you.

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2009 Legislative Summary Sections

The 2009 Session Summary of Legislation Passed is a collection of reports submitted by Senate Committees to the Secretary of the Senate. These reports have been compiled and edited for standardization. This summary is provided for information only and does not represent the opinion of any Senator, Senate Officer, or Senate Office.

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