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## REPRESENTATIVE CRISAFULLI FILES LEGISLATION TO REPEAL RECAPTURE RULE

**MERRITT ISLAND, FL** – State Representative Steve Crisafulli (R-Merritt Island) today filed House Bill 117 to repeal the recapture rule and prevent property tax increases on many Floridians.

“The last thing hard-working Floridians need is a tax increase, particularly in these tough economic times. The recapture rule is an unintended consequence of the passage of the Save Our Homes amendment, and it is incumbent upon the Legislature to repeal this rule,” Representative Crisafulli said.

Codified in the Florida Administrative Code after the adoption of the Save Our Homes amendment, the recapture rule requires property appraisers to increase the prior year’s assessed value of a homesteaded property when the current year market value exceeds the assessed value. As a result, many Floridians have seen their property tax bills increase, despite the fact that their homes’ market values have fallen dramatically.

“In 2010, the recapture rule affected over half of all Brevard County homeowners alone and affected many more homeowners across the state,” Representative Crisafulli explained. “It is simply not right for property tax bills to increase while market values decrease,” he stated.

Representative Crisafulli’s district comprises parts of Brevard and Orange Counties. He is serving his second term in the Florida House of Representatives.

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