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Freshman State Representative Daisy Morales Celebrates Nearly 60 Bills Signed into Law

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Freshman State Representative Daisy Morales (**D-Orlando**) celebrates having the most sponsored or co-sponsored bills signed into law in the Florida House this Legislative Session, a major milestone.

As of July 1, 2021, **Representative Morales** has had nearly 60 bipartisan bills that she sponsored or co-sponsored signed into law, championing 57 bills with other members of the Florida House. Fellow lawmakers, constituents, organizations, even government agencies typically urge lawmakers to co-sponsor bills that are important to or directly impact them.

While not all bills make it to the governor's desk, three of **Representative Morales's** bills successfully passed out of the Florida House: the **Barber Services bill (HB 855)** and **Educational Opportunities for Disabled Veterans (HB 1347)**. Wording from **Representative Morales's Commercial Telephone Solicitation bill (HB 857)** was amended into **Representative Mike Beltran's (R-Lithia) Telephone Solicitation bill (HB 1307)**. **Senator Audrey Gibson's (D-Jacksonville) companion bill (SB 1120)**, which also used wording from **Representative Morales's** bill, was signed into law.

Key legislation signed into law includes **Representative Morales's** Barber Services bill (**HB 855**), allowing licensed barbers with licensed barbershops to go mobile. This frees these barbers to now serve those with special needs, nursing home residents, shut-ins, hospital patients, and other clients with limited mobility.

In co-sponsoring other legislation, **Representative Morales** co-sponsored **State Representative Busatta Cabrera's** two bills: **HB 7019, Statewide Flooding and Sea Level Rise Resilience**, and its corresponding funding bill, **HB 7021, Resilient Florida Trust Fund/DEP**, which will allocate \$100 million per year to aid the state's flooding response.

Representative Morales co-sponsored seventeen bills adopted into chapter law, including **Representative Josie Tomkow's (R-Polk, Osceola) Broadband Internet Infrastructure bill (HB 1239)**, which revises Florida's current broadband infrastructure program. As a military mom, **Representative Morales** is a strong supporter of legislation benefitting veterans, so she co-sponsored several bills that were adopted into chapter law:

- **State Representative Andrew Learned's (D-Hillsborough) Purple Star Campuses bill (HB 429)**
- **State Representative Tyler Sirois's (R-Brevard) Veterans Employment and Training bill (HB 435)**

"I love to serve the people of Florida and District 48," said **Representative Morales**. "We have work to do, and I'll continue to work with my colleagues in the House and Senate to meet the needs of Floridians."

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