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## State Representative Daisy Morales's Barber Services Bill Heads to House Floor with Bipartisan Support

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – Freshman State Representative **Daisy Morales (D-Orlando)**'s Barber Services bill, <u>House Bill 855</u>, heads for the House Floor with bipartisan support after passing the House Commerce Committee with a 24-0 vote.

The bill authorizes barbers to shampoo, cut, or arrange hair in locations other than their registered barbershop without specified arrangements. It takes away unnecessary regulations on barbers, allowing them to continue earning revenue with the freedom to travel to their customers. **Representative Morales** noted that with the COVID-19 pandemic causing some to lose their ability to travel, this bill also allows barbers to serve those residents who cannot travel to their brick-and-mortar locations as they previously would.

"I'm thankful and excited that this bill is heading to the House floor for a final vote," said **Representative Morales**. "This is another step in putting small businesses first and ensuring that they survive the COVID-19 pandemic. It's a win-win—both for the barbers to keep earning revenue and for the people who want to get their hair cut, but can't get to a barber."

**Senator Linda Stewart** sponsored <u>Senate Bill 1176</u>, HB 855's companion bill in the Senate, which heads to the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee next.

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