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**Tallahassee, FL - Representative Fentrice Driskell (D-Tampa)'s** bills, <u>House Bill</u> 649 Transfers in Divorce, <u>House Bill 1461</u> Driver License Reinstatement, and <u>House Bill 1215</u> Abandoned and Historic Cemeteries, each passed unanimously in their first committee stops.

**HB 649** specifies that certain interests received by transferees after divorce are exempt from claims of creditors upon being awarded or received. It passed through the Civil Justice and Property Rights Subcommittee.

**HB 1461** creates the Drive for Success pilot program, a year-round program to assist persons whose driver licenses were suspended, and who have unpaid fines and fees. It passed through the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Subcommittee.

**HB 1215** addresses the multitude of abandoned African-American cemeteries located throughout the State of Florida by creating a taskforce to investigate, maintain, and memorialize these locations. It passed through the Government Operations Subcommittee.

"It is with great honor that I announce the passage of HB 649, HB 1461, and HB 1215 with strong bipartisan support at each of their first committee stops. I am looking forward to continuing working with my colleagues to get these bills through their remaining committees. I am committed to working towards a Florida where everyone has the freedom to be healthy, prosperous, and safe," said **Representative Driskell.** 

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State Representative Fentrice Driskell represents Florida House District 63, which is located in Hillsborough County and includes the Tampa-area communities of Carrollwood, Lake Magdalene, Lutz, University, New Tampa, and Pebble Creek.