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TALLAHASSEE, FL – Legislation that would grant barbers additional flexibility to provide services outside of brick-and-mortar barbershops unanimously passed the House and Senate and will now go to the Governor's desk for approval.

Identical companion bills <u>HB 855</u> by **Representative Daisy Morales (D-Orlando)** and <u>SB 1176</u> by **Senator Linda Stewart (D-Orlando)** will allow licensed barbers to shampoo, cut, or arrange hair in a location other than a registered barbershop.

"I'm grateful and excited this bill passed with bipartisan support in both chambers. We've leveled the playing field for barbers to thrive, extending more freedom to make outside location calls since cosmetologists are already providing mobile services for their clients," said **Representative Morales**.

"Convenience and comfort have been aiding in the way we conduct our everyday life since the pandemic began. Barbers should have the same ability as cosmetologists to practice their trade outside of their shop, and increase convenience and accessibility for all Floridians," said **Senator Stewart**.

Barbers will still need to hold a valid license from the state to offer their services outside of licensed establishments, and the bill does not change any of the current licensing requirements.

The bill will now move to the Governor's desk, where it will await his signature before