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### CS/CS/HB 425 Signed Into Law

**Tallahassee, FL – Senator Barbara Sharief** (Davie) released the following statement after Governor Ron DeSantis signed CS/CS/HB 425 – Historic Cemeteries Program into law.

Sponsored in the House by **Representative Wallace Aristide** and carried in the Senate by **Senator Barbara Sharief**, the legislation helps support the preservation and long-term sustainability of historic cemeteries across Florida by creating additional opportunities for funding and maintenance efforts.

“Historic cemeteries are an important part of Florida’s history and heritage,” said **Senator Barbara Sharief**. “This legislation helps ensure these sacred spaces are preserved and maintained for future generations while honoring the individuals and communities connected to them.”

**Representative Aristide** added:

“Our historic African-American cemeteries are sacred reminders of the lives, legacies, and contributions of many who helped shape Florida,” said Representative Wallace Aristide. “We thank Governor DeSantis for signing this legislation, Senator Sharief for partnering with us, and Speaker Perez and Minority Leader Driskell for helping to ensure that our history will be protected and preserved.”

The legislation builds upon Florida’s ongoing efforts to preserve historic African-American cemeteries and provides additional tools to support restoration, maintenance, and historical preservation efforts throughout the state.

**CS/CS/HB 425** takes effect **July 1, 2026**.

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