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**Representative Joseph Geller & Senator Rene Garcia File Legislation to
Protect Patients from Unlicensed Surgeons**

Tallahassee, FL – Representative Joseph Geller (D-Aventura) and Senator Rene Garcia (R-Hialeah) have filed [HB 1011](#) and [SB 1324](#) to protect patients from hair removal and transplant procedures performed by unlicensed or improperly certified individuals.

“Hair transplant and restoration procedures can become complicated and potentially dangerous if not executed correctly,” explained **Representative Joseph Geller**. “Patients deserved to know that they are being protected from unscrupulous operators who are not qualified to perform certain procedures. It is crucial to establish safety and accountability by ensuring that individuals treating patients are licensed and certified.”

If enacted, the bill will bar individuals who are not licensed under ch. 458 & 459, F.S. or certified under s. 464.012, F.S. from performing the procedures.

“This is a patient-centric, common sense bill protecting those choosing to undergo hair transplant procedures,” asserted **Senator Rene Garcia**. “It also protects the well-intentioned and licensed professionals directly interacting with patients. I look forward to passing this legislation and promoting increased accountability in this realm of health care.”

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