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Ridesharing bill passes Senate on way to Governor Scott

Tampa, Fla. – Today, the Florida Senate passed legislation that will allow for statewide regulation of ridesharing. The same bill passed the Florida House earlier this legislative session. Statewide regulation has been a top priority for the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce for the past several years and the Chamber applauds the Senate and House for passing the legislation.

“The Tampa Chamber thanks the Florida Legislature for recognizing the importance of statewide regulation of ridesharing in Florida. Our state must have a uniform standard for both our residents and visitors to travel from one location to another. Now we have that standard and look forward to Governor Rick Scott signing this great bill into law,” said Mike Griffin, Chair of the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

The bill also requires ridesharing companies like Uber to carry \$100,000 of insurance for bodily injury or death and \$25,000 for property damage while a driver is logged into their app without a secured passenger. If there is a passenger in the car, the driver will be required to have \$1 million in coverage. The legislation also requires that companies contract with third parties to perform criminal background checks on drivers.

The Chamber thanks Representative Chris Sprowls, Representative Jamie Grant and Senator Jeff Brandes for their leadership in sponsoring the bills in the House and Senate.

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